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#### LITERATURE

Recollections of an Egyptian Princess, by her English Governess: being a Record of Five Years' Residence at the Court of Ismael Pasha, Khédive. 2 vols. (Blackwood & Sons.)

Among the many books that have been written about Egypt and the Egyptians of recent years we hardly recall one which deals with the harim life of the viceregal family. Mr. Butler's 'Court Life in Egypt' described the experiences of a tutor in the Khedive's household, but, of course, he had no personal knowledge of anything beyond the doors which separated the harim from the selâmlik. Nothing, indeed, of importance has been written about the great ladies of Mohammed 'Ali's family since Mrs. Poole brought out her 'Englishwoman in Egypt' nearly fifty years ago. Mrs. Lott published in 1865 a frank account, not in the best taste, of her experiences as governess in his childhood to Ibrahim Pasha, the son of the Khedive Isma'il (see Athen. No. 1993). Miss Chennells was for five years first governess, and then companion and friend, to the Princess Zeyneb, daugh-ter of the Khedive, and much of her time was spent within the walls of the harim, in intimate association with the ladies of the viceregal family. No one could have enjoyed better opportunities for studying the Mohammedan social system as represented in the highest circles, and we must honestly add few could have used their opportunities more discreetly. delay in the publication of her journal-for it relates to 1871-6—is due to a motive which does Miss Chennells credit. Instead of rushing into print and photographing her late employers' domesticity for the admiration of the gaping crowd, she has waited till the principal persons mentioned in her 'Recollections' were dead, or, what comes to much the same thing, interned in the beautiful palace of Emirghian on the Bosporus, where Isma'il and his family are detained, like political lunatics, during the Sultan's pleasure.

harim was a part of Isma'il's Europeanizing system. At that time it was an audacious innovation, but now it would be simply a matter of course. English tutors, governesses, and nurses have become the order of the day in Egypt. When Miss Chennells arrived at Cairo, however, it was quite a new thing. She lived at first with Mr. and Mrs. Freeland and Mr. Michell in a sort of viceregal school-house at Shubra, near Cairo; and her two pupils, the Princess Zeyneb and a lively little Circassian slavegirl Kopsès (both since dead), actually drove out every day for their lessons, accompanied (but in a separate carriage, in deference to the Sitta Grundy) by the Princess's brother Ibrahîm Pasha and a young Abyssinian slave, who received their lessons from the two Oxford tutors. All four were winning children of eleven or twelve, and a good deal might be hoped from the experiment of submitting them to English training at so early an age. Twelve in the East, however, is older than it sounds, for at fifteen the Princess was married, and at her request Miss Chennells went to live with her in her new home.

The first volume is mainly taken up with the routine of educational duties, the exasperating procrastination and inattention to orders which prevailed in the Khedive's household, and the difficulties of education amidst the interruptions of harim life—for the lessons at Shubra had soon to be changed to instruction in the harim, where the Princess was "shut up" at the age of thirteen. Beyond these rather insignificant details, Miss Chennells has, of course, a little to record in the way of first impressions of Cairo, the Nile, and the Pyramids, and she gives a very pleasant description of the life on the Bosporus, where Isma'îl and his ladies commonly spent the summer. The palace of Emirghian, or rather the two houses-for the harim, of course, occupied a separate building-were close down to the water, like most of the delightful old Turkish palaces which overhang the European shore of the Bosporus. The grounds were lovely :-

"They were on the slope of the hill—clumps of trees, open grassy swards, and flower-beds, broad gravel paths, winding about so as to make the ascent easy, and a large piece of ornamental water with a rockery behind. Every path commanded a beautiful view, which contantly widened as each path rose terrees like stantly widened as each path rose terrace-like above the last. At the foot of the hill was the Bosphorus, which, like a broad river, extends posphorus, which, like a broad river, extends for about twenty miles, and the outline of the coast forms numerous little bays. Emirghian is about ten miles to the north of Constan-tinople, but the windings of the channel prevent the city from being seen until you are close to it."

The summer change to Emirghian was highly prized by the princesses, and to Miss Chennells it was evidently the most enjoyable part of her residence in the East. She and the Freelands had a little house in the grounds all to themselves, where their pupils came to breakfast and stayed till the afternoon. Everybody liked the change from Cairo and Ramleh except Dick, the English coachman, who "did not think anything" of the place. "You are always going up or down steps," he said, and gave his un-The appointment of an English governess qualified verdict in favour of Egypt, since for the training of his daughter outside the it was "such a nice level country." We

have heard many claims, archæological, climatic, and artistic, urged on behalf of Egypt, but the coachman's view is novel and convincing. The chief drawback to Emirghian was the imminent risk of starvation. When Miss Chennells was left alone in the school-house for a time the meals which ought to have been sent in from the palace were apt to miscarry, and she went through more than one unpremeditated, but not the less rigorous fast. In an Eastern household if you miss your breakfast there is no hope for you. Between meals there is no food to be got hold of except sweetmeats.

When Miss Chennells went to live with her pupil after her marriage, she entered upon a new and much more interesting phase of her life. Hitherto she had either received the Princess and her Circassian friend in her own rooms or gone to theirs, but she had not really lived in the harim day and night. When she joined the newly married couple she came to understand the Mohammedan social system more thoroughly. The picture she gives of the Princess Zeyneb's household is extremely curious. The young mistress herself was an amiable, affectionate girl, without very much in her, but strongly imbued with the European ideas of her father and her governess. She was very little of a Mohammedan, and did not keep the fast of Ramadan, or, so far as appears, observe the daily prayers. She wore dresses from Paris which cost 700l., and played bézique during the sacred month. She received her male kinsmen in quite a European fashion, with-out restraint, and even induced the gentle-men and ladies of "the blood" to dine with her à la franca, going in arm-in-arm, and taking wine, just as though Islâm and yashmaks had never been invented. She was, of course, the only wife of her husband, for monogamy was the rule among Isma'il's children, though he cannot be said to have set them an example in this respect, beyond having the good taste to keep his wives in the palace and his concubines elsewhere. But with all this European innovation, the Princess Zeyneb's household was purely Oriental. Besides herself, Miss Chennells was the only free woman there. All the rest were slaves: white Circassians to look pretty and amuse the family, and black negresses to do the work :-

"Every one in the house, except the Princess and myself, were [sic] slaves, and the property of their mistress. All those, I have been told on good authority, who once enter the household of any of the Khedive's family are never sold again; they are provided for for life, and, married or single, receive the same monthly allowance until their death. Of late years they are generally bought young, and receive a certain education; there are schools within the harem in the eunuchs' department, and Turkish and Arabic masters are admitted. There was, however, a marked difference made between the white and the black slaves. To the latter all the menial work was allotted, and I observed all the menial work was allotted, and I observed that, although many of the white girls acted as housemaids, &c., they would always, if no calfa was present, try to shift their work upon any unlucky black girl who came in their way..... In great harems, like that of my pupil, a certain number of girls are educated as musicians and dancers, and sometimes as comedians or pantominists, but it is solely for the amusement of their mistress and her guests."

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One day Miss Chennells saw a group of a dozen young girls brought in for the inspection of her mistress and the Prince

with a view to purchase :-

"They were all gaily dressed, in the half-European style which has become general among the young. Four of them were musicians, and upon invitation they produced their instru-ments and twanged away for more than an hour for the amusement of their hosts. They paraded about the saloons all day, and the slaves of my Princess dressed themselves in their best to impress their visitors with the wealth of the establishment.....The new arrivals were all about the average class, ages from sixteen to eighteen, well grown and fairly good looking. I heard that the price demanded for the four musicians was 1000/.; but then, no doubt, a large margin was left for abatement. A very beautiful slave would cost several thousand pounds, but I never saw one of these over-powering beauties. The Khedive's two eldest daughters were the handsomest women I saw

in Egypt." The head slaves possessed slaves of their own, and were people of very great authority, of whom even their mistress stood in some awe. The whole household seems to have been happy and contented, and of course, as everybody knows, there was no sense of degradation in the fact of slavery. The girls were mere children, constantly indulging in innocent frolic, and delighted to duck each other in the fountain. to tickle each other into hysterics, or at prayers to pin the skirts of the worshippers together, so that they all tumbled over when they rose from their knees. The Princess herself was nearly as much a child as the rest, and would clap her hands with delight at the antics of her girls. She was always trying to be wise and earnest, and was constantly dragged in opposite ways by her inborn Egyptian and acquired European notions. Hearing how pleased her brother Prince Husain was at being provided with "an educated wife instead of a mere doll," she insisted upon a course of general reading; and this appears to have finally developed into a study of Walter Scott and Hugo. At times she was insufferably bored, for she knew enough to be dissatisfied with the narrow life of the harim. Besides, devoted as her husband was, and prompt to gratify her least wish, they could in the nature of things, as they are in Mohammedan society, share no pur-suits together. They could neither walk nor drive out together, nor have any acquaintances in common. Gentlemen must, of course, see the Pasha separately, and he could not see ladies in his wife's apartments. Her only male visitors were her brothers and near kinsmen. At the theatre the husband and wife must have separate boxes, and the wife's must be veiled with a fine iron gauze, that no profane eye might desecrate the privacy of the harim.

Yet within the harîm walls there was no privacy at all. The slaves were omni-present. Nothing could be said or done without the knowledge of the entire household. The only chance of private conversation, and that was under difficulties, was at meal times, when the band made such a deafening noise a few feet from the table that your voice could not possibly penetrate beyond your next neighbour. In all this the Princess had to submit to the inherent disorder of Eastern life.

Nothing was punctual, nothing was tidy, nothing was arranged beforehand and kept to when the time came. If the harim were to have a change somewhere-to Ramleh or to the Bosporus; any sort of move was a relief to the monotony of their lifethe day would be fixed and altered again and again, and finally the departure would come with a rush, and the whole household with all its possessions would remove itself at a few hours' notice. As all the wardrobe of Egyptian ladies is kept ready packed in countless boxes, the flitting was not difficult; but when they arrived at their destination, they usually found that no preparations had been made for their reception. If they were going up the Nile, the boat was found to be unprovided with crockery. If the tutors and governess were ordered to go to an hotel, there were no rooms to be had. If they arrived at Emirghian, the house was unswept and the furniture insufficient. If a carriage was ordered, it came at the wrong time or not at all. A word to the Khedive would set all right, but no one else, not even the First Princess, was obeyed, and the eunuchs who received the orders interpreted them in accordance with their own convenience. The constant annoyances of this irregular and disorderly system provoked Miss Chennells's well-regulated mind from the beginning to the end of her residence in the harim.

Even Isma'îl could do nothing to interfere with the time-honoured harim system. His daughter might be brought up like an English girl, and be dressed by Worth, but she must be locked up by eunuchs as her mother and grandmother had been before her. To her governess there was something horribly depressing in this feeling of captivity, though it was probably hardly felt by the slaves. Miss Chennells thus describes her first visit to the Khedive's harîm :-

"I entered without opposition (as I was known) through the first gate, where some eunuchs were seated, and one took down a ponderous key and opened the heavy iron-barred door which formed the second gate. His Highness went in and out by this gate, but plenty of eunuchs were on the watch for his coming in and going out, and at such times no one could enter, but must stand aside till he had passed. When the second gate was unlocked, I entered a large paved court, upon which countless windows looked drearily down, and behind which there were perhaps a hundred imprisoned women. The best apartments do not look on these paved courts, but upon an the ladies of the harem walk. The room in which I sat with my pupils was on the ground floor, opening on to the harem garden. It was spacious and airy, and would have been very pleasant but for one reminder. The windows had strong iron bars, so that no one could get either in or out. It might seem unnecessary to have these barred windows when the high walls and guarded gates are considered; but men are often at work in the gardens, and these men are not eunuchs. The gardeners are engaged there a good part of the day, and during that time one or two eunuchs patrol up and down and close the venetian blinds of the apartments on the side where the men are at work."

The Princess's harim was guarded in precisely the same way as her father's, and was regularly locked up by the eunuchs. During the month of fasting those who did not keep the fast often ran a risk of starvation, since the eunuchs, who did fast were constantly asleep. For example :-

"Next morning I waited long for breakfast, and at last walked about through all the rooms and passages, but found nobody stirring. It was I P.M., yet the house was as quiet as in ordinary times at I A.M. No sign of any meal ordinary times at 1 a.m. No sign of any meal could I see, and I began to feel very sulky and surly. Meals were especially ordered for the Europeans, but there would have been very little chance of our ever getting any if it had not been known that the Princess ate also, and no meal was brought in unless she was there and had asked for it. Even then it was very difficult to get anything. First, because all food is brought in from without, and is not procurable excent through the intervention of procurable except through the intervention of the eunuchs. The latter fast, and are all hidden away asleep, and it is the most difficult thing in the world to unearth them. The doors of the harem are locked on the outside, and the eunuchs have the key. The girls go and stand there and clap their hands—which is the signal for the eunuchs—but often stand there half an hour in vain! If this would be the case even when the Princess wanted food, how much more likely to happen when it was only I who required it. I could not find a single slave! At half past three the Princess came down, and she then told me that her visitors had not left till past midnight, so her dada had persuaded the past manight, so her adat had persuaded her to sit up for the next meal and then fast (!) the following day. She had gone to bed at 4 a.m. and slept until 3 r.m.; she had now only about three hours to wait. I was very grumpy, and refused to read or amuse her in any way, and the three hours hung rather heavily. At last the sunset gun fired, upon which she clapped her hands, and we sat down to dinner imme-

To go to bed at dawn and get up near sunset is a common way of keeping the fast amongst the leisured class, but the Princess did not repeat the experiment. Perhaps she found Miss Chennells too grumpy. She never saw another Ramadan, for she died very suddenly of typhoid fever a few months later, in August, 1875. Her death was a distinct loss to Egyptian society. She might have exercised an important influence upon the harim life of Egypt, but she was carried off when she was too young to venture upon serious innovations. Her memory will be preserved by Miss Chennells's pleasant pages, where the life of a great harim under a kind mistress is painted in all its details with the utmost fidelity, and without a breath of scandal. If any should look for spicy stories of the seraglio, they must not go to these 'Recollections. Either there was no scandal, or Miss Chennells is too discreet to report it. At least nothing of the kind could have existed in the presence of the pure-minded Princess

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touch with the men and things who were the contemporaries of their heroes and heroines is still somewhat of a rarity.

The family of Townesend, or Townshend, is in Ireland one of many branches, and has its offshoots in England also. It is by no means certain, but the probability seems to be that all the Irish Townesends and Townshends are sprung from Col. Richard, the Parliamentarian officer, who settled in Ireland when the country had been subdued by Cromwell. No pains seem to have been spared by his descendants in investigating the details of his life; but nothing has been discovered about his ancestry. It was not in those days a common practice for strangers in blood to usurp the arms of those who happened to bear the same name. Col. Townesend used the coat of his namesakes of Rainham; we may therefore assume with some confidence, until the contrary be proved, that they had a common ancestor. This is not particularly perplexing. The same deficiency of information shrouds the origin of several other noteworthy men among his contemporaries, but the name of his wife lands us in a whole cloudland of vague guessing. Her surname has not been discovered, though there is an unsatisfactory tradition that she was a Hyde, a relative of Clarendon's, and, consequently, of Queens Mary and Anne. Her Christian name, Hildegardis, seems to indicate that she was a foreigner, a lady from Germany or the Netherlands. Though the name may have existed here in the early Norman time, no example of it, so far as we are aware, has been found occurring in the seventeenth century, or for ages before that time.

The best-known Hildegardis was a twelfth century Cistercian abbess, a friend of St. Bernard, and a saint of great repute in Germany, but her cultus does not seem to have crossed the Channel; we cannot hear of a single English church that has been dedicated in her honour, nor do we know of a solitary bell which bears her name. Chevalier, in his 'Répertoire des Sources historiques du Moyen Age,' mentions four other women bearing this name, of royal or noble families, but not one of them can be supposed to have had any influence over the selection of names in this country. We may, therefore, assume with some confidence that the wife of Richard Townesend was either a foreigner or the daughter of an exile residing in this country. Several (perhaps we might even say most) of the officers who held the chief commands in the early days of our civil war had seen foreign service. Is there any evidence that Richard Townesend was among the number? If he were, it is highly probable that Hildegardis was a lady from Germany or the Nether-

Richard Townesend first appears in history as one of the defenders of Lyme Regis. The autumn of 1643 was a disastrous time for the Parliamentarians in the south-west. Bristol had surrendered to Prince Rupert on one of the later days of July, and the possession of the great seaport, had it fallen into the hands of a commander of genius, might have sealed the fate of the war. Rupert was a dashing cavalry officer, but he had no head for affairs. His capture of Bristol was due far more to

courage on the part of Nathaniel Fiennes, the Parliamentarian governor, than any noteworthy strategy of his own. Prynne, Clement Walker, and others of the Presbyterian faction had no doubt that Fiennes had been guilty of cowardice and treachery. He was tried by court-martial, and sentenced to death, but Essex, the commander-in-chief, remitted the penalty, considering dismissal from the army a sufficient punish-

Had Rupert, after this wonderful piece of good luck, marched at once on London, the whole future course of events might have been different. The king was too prudent to consent to this, so Rupert and his brother Maurice had to be content with picking up towns and fortresses nearer hand. Dorchester, Weymouth, Portland, and Bideford soon surrendered. From Dorchester Maurice sent a summons to Lyme Regis, which the authors speak of as being not much above the rank of a fishing village. This is not quite accurate; but it was a seaport of little account. Had it been an inland place it would have been hardly worth the trouble of capture; but as a port it was necessary for the king's interests that it should be secured, for while it remained in the enemies' hands men and stores could be landed there for the service of the Parliament, whose ships were at that time masters of the sea.

After their brilliant successes Maurice and his advisers could not expect that Lyme would offer any prolonged resistance. In this they were mistaken. The inhabitants were ardent political Puritans, and their governor, Col. Thomas Ceely, was a man of courage and resource, who had raised a regiment of ten companies to defend the town. The authors have not been able to ascertain whence these men were gathered. If the muster rolls should, as is possible, still exist among the town records, the names might furnish some clue as to the part of the country in which they were enlisted. The privates were probably picked up in the adjoining parishes. As to the officers, we may surmise that, if it were possible, they would be selected from persons who had seen something of war. Of one of these companies Townesend was captain. It is the first time he appears in history. From a deposition which he made several years later, it appears that he was born in 1618. He was, therefore, about twenty-five years of age. When we bear in mind what mere lads were accustomed to enter foreign armies, it is possible that Richard Townesend may have seen several years' active service before he took a part in our own civil contests. Lyme's "feeble fortifications and its petty garrison" did not seem calculated to detain the Royalist army beyond a single day. The result was far different from the expectation. Much time was spent and much blood was shed, but the king's party were in the end compelled to march away, leaving behind them "the little vile fishing town" untaken. There are few events during the war in which the stubborn doggedness of the English character shows to more advantage. During the latter days of the siege Townesend was promoted to the rank of major. At this time

account of the "relieving the resolute garrison of Lyme in Dorsetshire" says that Major Townesend "was shot in the head, but still lives."

From this time forward till nearly the end of the first war, Ceely appears to have remained in charge of Lyme, with Townesend as second in command. After Naseby a third power arose in the South and West, which for a time threatened to be dangerous. The clubmen appear in history but as pale shadows. One cannot, however, but have feelings of pity for the poor, hardworking yeomen, farmers, and labourers, whose crops and homes were rifled by both the contending parties. For a time they were triumphant over a wide stretch of country, and probably received more or less encouragement from Goring and other Royalist leaders. Ceely felt that the movement was dangerous, and may have had good grounds for believing that it would soon become openly a part of the Cavalier faction. When they came near him he lost no time, but suddenly poured down on the ill-trained rabble, dispersing the whole assembly, which left eighty of their number dead on the field. Still the clubmen fought well. Ceely was wounded, and his major, Townesend, unhorsed. This check did not dissolve the organization. Their numbers soon after rose to ten thousand men, but they were dispersed by Cromwell near Shaftesbury.

We next meet with Townesend, now a lieutenant - colonel, as one of the Parliamentary commissioners for the surrender of Pendennis Castle. This seems to have been the last important transaction in which he was engaged in this country. He shortly afterwards transferred his energies to Ireland, being one of the first of those who went over in the vain hope of settling the country according to Puritan ideas. It is probable that when he arrived in Ireland he was unaware that the island was divided into five or six factions, each tearing at the other's throat. This he found out, to his cost, soon after his arrival. He, along with others, who under trials of maddening complexity did their best, was thrown into prison, and had it not been for Cromwell's victories would probably have been put to death. The tables were then turned, and he was rewarded by large grants of confis-cated land, some of which, we gather, is still in the possession of his descendants.

The book is illustrated by several tabular pedigrees, which seem carefully compiled, and is rendered complete by a copious index.

Descriptive List of the Deer Parks and Pad-docks of England. By Joseph Whitaker. (Ballantyne, Hanson & Co.)

AIDED by the Field and other newspapers, as well as by correspondents whose names are duly given, Mr. Whitaker has produced an excellent handbook on his subject. From the title it might be supposed that a work consisting of details respecting some four hundred enclosures containing deer would doubtless be useful for reference, but must, from its technical character, be somewhat dry reading; such, however, is not the case. It is true that the greater part of the volume consists of statistics relating to acreage, the capture of Bristol was due far more to he seems to have been very near death. The contemporary pamphlet which gives an red, their weights, and the proportion of

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the sexes; but there is also such a large amount of information respecting timber, water, and general appearance, that really this book becomes a guide to sylvan beauties—to "paradises," in the old sense of the word. Windsor, Cornbury, Savernake, and Kedleston are pre-eminent for their splendid oaks; while Thoresby, in Not-tinghamshire (famous for its venison), is rich not only in these, but in chestnuts, beeches, gnarled thorns, and Scotch firs, the whole 2,000 acres being enclosed by an old oak fence covered with lichens and mosses of exquisite delicacy of tints, only to be rivalled at Spetchley, in Worcester-shire. Chillingham, renowned for its white "wild" cattle, boasts a grand extent of fir-clad uplands, backed by the bold undulations of the Cheviots; and, indeed, there is hardly a park in England which does not possess

some special charm. In size Savernake comes first, with its 4,000 acres, followed by royal Windsor, with 3,000. Yorkshire, owing to its extent, possesses a larger number of parks within its area than any other county; but it is Sussex that heads the list in the amount of enclosed land exclusively devoted to deer. After this it raises a smile to find one little acre in Nottinghamshire, with its four fallow deer, advanced to the dignity of a "park," for it is only by courtesy that this and some similar enclosures can even be called "paddocks"; yet their enumeration enables the author to claim that he has added fifty to the parks mentioned by Evelyn Shirley in his work published in 1867 and long out of print; while, on the other hand, a list is given of just fifty parks described in Shir-ley's book, which, we are told, no longer contain deer. Most of the existing parks have been established since the time of Charles II., but among the exceptions is Wootton Lodge, in Staffordshire, situated in a park surrounded by the oldest wall in England, it having been built by the Fleetwoods in the reign of Richard II. We are told that during the Civil War this house was held for the king by Sir Richard Fleetwood, against Oliver Cromwell and his sonin-law Thomas (sic) Fleetwood, the latter being the brother of the aforesaid Sir Richard; but we fear that this instance of family dissension must be a matter of tradition rather than history, because the Fleetwood who married Cromwell's daughter Bridget was undoubtedly Charles, and the alliance of course did not take place until after the decease of Ireton, the lady's first husband, who died towards the end of 1651; moreover, Clarendon says nothing about it.

Mr. Whitaker is more at home with the present denizens of this and other parks, which are principally fallow deer; and about these he supplies many valuable facts, partly derived from his observations on his own estate, under conditions which allow of the deer being easily watched. His remarks respecting their management and the necessity for affording them extra feeding quite early in autumn are excellent, and so are his directions for improving their pasture, providing adequate fencing, &c. There is good reason for supposing that this pretty dappled species was introduced by the Romans; while as regards the dark variety, often said to have been brought from Denmark in the reign of James I., Mr. Harting has shown that it existed in our parks long before that time. Strange as it may appear, that form becomes much darker in summer than in winter; the contrary being the case with deer of the light variety, which are not only paler in summer, but also have far more spots on the quarters. The effect of high feeding — especially with corn — is very marked in the development of the antlers of this species, and perhaps even more so in park-kept red deer. Of these Warnham Court, in Sussex, produces the heaviest stags, one having been killed there exceeding 352 pounds in weight, while "heads" with eighteen to twenty-five points are not unusual; shed horns have been picked up with thirtyseven points, and capable of holding half a pint of water in their "cup," and the largest stag was carrying a head with forty-eight points up to April, 1892. To match this we must go to some of the most celebrated German collections of trophies, such as that at Schloss Moritzburg, near Dresden, where the banqueting hall contains four tiers of heads, the fourth and best row with nothing under thirty points, while one antler bears a cup of ten points, capable of holding about a pint. It is said that this cup is detached from the skull on the occasion of shooting banquets, and those guests who have not previously been made "free" of the castle have to quaff the con-tents of the cup in any liquor their attendant forester may choose to name.

But to return to Mr. Whitaker's book. A mine of useful information is to be found in it upon the subjects we have already mentioned, as well as upon the capture of deer with the least possible injury, their breeding, and the introduction of fresh blood; while incidental remarks are made upon many other inhabitants of deer parks: white cattle, springboks, kangaroos, beavers, wild turkeys, emus, and some of the few pairs of ravens that are still allowed to nest in trees. On the whole, the book more than fulfils its promise, and, as we have intimated above, it is a handbook to the beauties of

the parks of England.

The Stanford Dictionary of Anglicised Words and Phrases. Edited by C. A. M. Fennell, D.Litt. (Cambridge, University Press.) (Second Notice.)

Besides serious deficiencies in etymological treatment, of which a few samples were given last week, there are a considerable number of positive errors in this department, a few of which may be pointed out, in the hope that some of our notes may be helpful for a second edition. To begin with, under "Etymon," Mr. H. D. Darbishire's derivation of evupov should disappear at the earliest opportunity. An affinity with the Lat. vērus is quite out of the question on many grounds, but may be absolutely rejected for one good solid reason, that there is no trace of a digamma in the early Greek form. It would be well to delete silently the suggestion that Aphrodite is "probably corrupted from some form of the Semitic name Ishtar or Ashtoreth." Under "Cadilesker" the editor must have been nodding when he added the etymological note, "The Arab. 'l' 'askar is ultimately from Pers. lashkar." On this hypothesis one would like to ask the editor how he accounts

for the Arab. initial guttural in 'askar. No, this will not do; Arabic and Persian scholars agree that the words are quite distinct, and belong radically to different families of speech. Last week it was noticed that under "Seraskier" this same Arab. 'askar appears as a Turkish word. This unfortunate word turns up again in the etymological explanation of "janissary," the Turkish word yenicheri being analyzed in 'Storiega' inte weri (now young) the transport in 'Stanford' into yeni (new, young)+'askar (army). The fact is that yeniteheri is Turkish in both its elements, tcheri being a Turkish word for "troops," as the editor might have learnt if he had consulted the dictionaries of Devic and Vámbéry, Under "Seraglio" the word is treated as if it were a Romanic word of Latin origin. This cannot be correct, "Seraglio" is due to an Italianized form of the word which appears as "serai" in Byron's 'Childe Harold,' the Pers. serāi, a palace, a royal abode; no doubt the Italian form serraglio was influenced by sense association with the verb serrare, to enclose; see Devic and Diez, and compare the French form serrail in Cotgrave. No one reading the article "Ban" would imagine that the word in its specific political sense was first known in Croatia, and that it spread thence to Bulgaria and Servia; there is no evidence for the statement in 'Stanford' that the Avars brought the word to Hungary. A Persian derivation of this great Slavonic word is quite out of the question. Under "Beelzebub" the Greek βεελζεβούλ is said to mean "dung-Baal." A more probable explanation of βεελζεβούλ is "lord of the height," i. e., of the upper air; for the Semitic root 527 and its occurrences in the Bible see Cheyne, 'Isaiah,' vol. ii. p. 155 (1881), and Delitzsch,
'Hebrew and Assyrian,' p. 38 (1883). The
editor can hardly have been serious in suggesting under "Acheron" that 'Αχέρων is related to Lat. aquilus (dark) and to aqua (water)! The derivation of "Albion" from Lat. albus (white) is a survival of the ety-mology of the dark ages. Under "Abarre" we meet with the mysterious statement that the Anglo-Fr. verb abarrer is derived from barre, sb. (Celtic) = bar; can the editor point to any evidence which would prove that barre is of Celtic origin? "Collie" is another word which, on no evidence whatever, is stated to be of Gaelic parentage. "Kincogish" is wrongly explained as a hybrid compound, namely, Eng. kin + Irish comhgus; both the elements of the word are Irish, and the whole word, ceann comhgus, means "the head of the related sept" (for kin= Ir. ceann, cp. Kinsale, in Irish ceann saile, i.e., "the head of the brine"). The word "leprehaun," of which the correct Ir. form is leithbhrágan, a name for a sprite in Irish folk-lore, has suffered no contamination from the form lucharman, a pigmy! The reference to Old Ir. criol (coffer) under "Creel" should be deleted, as also the reference to Ir. cain (rent) under "Coignye." The word "viking" does not mean etymologically "a creek-man," but "a warrior," the Icelandic vikingr being connected with rig (a fight); see Noreen's 'Icelandic Grammar' (1892), p. 145. The word "elope" is not derived from Dutch ontloopen; early forms in Law-French and at

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Law-Latin are given in the 'New English Dictionary,' which seem to point to an Old English derivation. Under "Ledger" the word "ligier" (a term applied to a consul or ambassador in the seventeenth century) is strangely referred to Dutch legger. It is not explained how it came to pass that we imported a Dutch word, meaning correctly "one that lays down," incorrectly "one that less down," and then gave the foreign word a specific, technical, political meaning which it had not possessed on its native soil. We cannot accept this derivation without circumstantial evidence. Under "Contredanse" the history of our English "countrydance" is turned topsy-turvy. The 'Stan-ford' tells us that we corrupted controdanse into "country-dance"; the truth of the matter is that the French borrowed our word, and gallicized it completely; see the excellent article in Hatzfeld and Darmesteter's new French dictionary. The word "carnival" does not mean "a solacing of the flesh," but "the putting away of flesh (as food)"; cp. the Spanish phrase for "shrovetide," carnestolendas (see Stevens).

The etymological note under "Coach" ought to disappear as soon as possible, as it is the worst article in the 'Stanford Dictionary. The Fr. coche is borrowed, through the Germ. kutsche, from the Hungarian kocsi (or kotsi), an adjective from Kocs, the name of a place near Raab. In the word "debonair" any connexion with Lat. aerem (as suggested in the 'Stanford') is out of the question; Old French de bon aire contains the Old French sb. aire, place, birth, natural disposition, which must be kept quite distinct from Old French air =Lat. aerem. Under "Abeyance"-but what need of further testimony? Already evidence has been produced sufficient to show that the 'Stanford Dictionary' is not strong in etymology.

This review has been mainly taken up with fault-finding. It must not, however, be inferred from our criticisms that we think badly of the work as a whole. In spite of all the sins of omission and commission which may be pointed out by the conscientious reviewer, there is no doubt that the work is absolutely indispensable to any scholar who is making a special study of the history of the English language, and may be recommended as a useful and interesting work of reference to the busy man seeking information about the foreign words and phrases he may meet with in the course of his reading. Its thousands of illustrative quotations with dates and references would, without any other recommendation, render it a welcome companion to the student of literature. The editor deserves great praise for the scholarly manner in which, on the whole, he has dealt with the material which was sent in to him. He has unfortunately not had the time to fill up the lacunæ in the vocabulary and in the quotations, due no doubt to an insufficient number of readers; and it is quite clear that he has not had proper time allowed him for painstaking research into the history of the foreign word and phrase. Still we must be thankful for what Mr. Stanford and the Cambridge University Press have combined to give us. We congratulate Dr. Fennell on the completion of his laborious task. We believe that it will not be difficult to make the 'Stanford Dictionary' a valuable authoritative work in a second edition. The first step towards achieving this most desirable result must be the ejection of all the words so lavishly admitted under the unfortunate fifth section.

#### NEW NOVELS.

A Mere Cipher. By Mary A. Dickens. 3 vols. (Macmillan & Co.)

MISS DICKENS'S work shows several good qualities, and they are, we fancy, specially noticeable in the first volume. Her talent appears to lie rather in the delineation of concentrated feeling and emotion than in more diffused action and incident. Mrs. Custance—wife of the medical man paid to look after the welfare of a couple of dipsomaniacs, who looks after his own ease and comfort instead—is the mere cipher. From first almost to last she is presented with a wonderfully restrained and quiet handling, which makes the obscure and patient tragedy of her life all the more telling. It is on her personality that the real interest of the novel turns; in it we have something approaching an original study in character. Throughout she is drawn with a consistent, careful touch. The hopeless lack of vitality and power of expression in her temperament, combined with her real tenderness, devotion, and wholly unconscious heroism and nobility of purpose, makes her most touching. Set against the background of her husband's hateful selfishness, she gradually shows like light against darkness. The end, strongly sensational yet not sensationally worked, rather mars the atmosphere of the story, or so it seems to us. It is not so much inartistic as it is a little unconvincing and abrupt in the telling. Whether or no it is the right thing in the right place, it opens up a wider question of duty and moral obligation than we can enter on here. Interest slackens during the London episodes; even Mrs. Custance suffers; and yet her miserable story, in its unrelieved greyness, holds our attention to the very end; while the humanitarian movement and the people it brings together are not fresh enough to stir much interest. More of Thornsdyke and the few figures belonging to it, sombre as is the picture, would have been welcome. In it the author's strength and human outlook on many things are apparent. Yet three volumes of such matter might have seemed to some monotonous. To mention a trivial matter-we wonder how often Norman Strange's politeness in opening doors for poor Mrs. Custance is noted. Of course the touch points the husband's constant and ugly neglect, but the action should more often have been taken for granted, perhaps.

Between Two Opinions. By Algernon Gissing. 3 vols. (Hurst & Blackett.)

We possess one master of the English rustic novel. Not to everybody is it given to deal successfully with the raw material of agricultural life. There can be no two opinions that Mr. Gissing is not the person to do it. However much he may know of English rural life—and, in effect, he seems to know a good deal—'Between Two Opinions' is not presented with any power or distinction. To begin with, Mr. Gissing does not write specimen thereof in Mrs. Agar. The Church fares a little better; but Mr. Glynde is at best a selfish egotist, while Sister Cecilia is a thorough-paced impostor. The plot, which deals largely in coincidences, is farefetched and unconvincing, while the final scene, in spite of the care and elaboration with which it is led up to, fails in its effect by reason of the grotesque improbability of Seymour Michael's death. In fine, Mr.

sound English, and he is laboured, cautious, uninspired. There is another reason, too, besides its long-windedness and woeful lack of simplicity and spontaneity, for not liking the book. It evidently owes its existence to a masterpiece so recent as 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles.' Mr. Gissing is dreadfully fond of long words. His pages bristle with four and five syllables, and when he captures a treasure in six or seven it seems to make him happier than it makes his readers.

A Secret of the Past. By Victor O'D. Power. 3 vols. (Ward & Downey.)

Mr. Power heaps secret on secret, and mystery on mystery, until it seems that almost every character in his three volumes must be perpetually conscious of a cupboard full of skeletons. It may be so with us all in real life, but it cannot often happen that four or five persons are thrown together in a quiet village with such tragic secrets of the past weighing upon their consciences or memories as those which vex the hearts of Lord Ruthyn, Valerie Caerlyon, Sylvia Trezona, Anna Wylder, and another or two. The story, in brief, is wildly improbable, and in some respects unnatural; but its constant piling up of agony gives it a certain lurid attractiveness which will appeal to lovers of violent delights and violent endings in fiction. When Mr. Power has tried and convicted his villains, and pro-ceeds to execute them, he is really grand in the methods which he employs to dispatch them. One must either laugh or shudder, and the novel-reader with a well-governed and wise appetite for sensation will probably do both.

From One Generation to Another. By H. S. Merriman. 2 vols. (Smith, Elder & Co.) THE earlier products of Mr. Merriman's pen hardly prepare the reader for so thoroughgoing a study in misanthropy as 'From One Generation to Another.' There is hardly a single character in the book in whom it is possible to take more than a negative interest. The hero is honest and brave, but a boor, while the heroine excites sympathy more by her isolated position than by the possession of any intrinsic charm of her own. Mr. Merriman is not content with choosing a Jew for the villain of his plot, but never misses an opportunity of jeering and sneering at his racial disqualifications his "nasal brand," "taint of blood," "curse of race"-for all the world like a German Jew-baiter, and not an English gentleman. It must be owned, however, that the Gentile types portrayed in these pages are scarcely less odious than this unscrupulous, but singularly shortsighted representative of what Mr. Merriman chooses to call a "smitten, miser-able race." The author harbours a wonderful animosity towards the English middle class, and presents us with a supremely sordid specimen thereof in Mrs. Agar. The Church fares a little better; but Mr. Glynde is at best a selfish egotist, while Sister Cecilia is a thorough-paced impostor. The plot, which deals largely in selfished. which deals largely in coincidences, is far-fetched and unconvincing, while the final scene, in spite of the care and elaboration with which it is led up to, fails in its effect

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Merriman has succeeded in giving practical proof of the fact that it is possible to write an exceedingly disagreeable story without having recourse to the aid of naturalistic methods.

The Tragedy of Ida Noble, By W. Clark Russell. (Hutchinson & Co.)

FORTY-SIX adequate illustrations by Mr. Everard Hopkins increase the attractiveness of Mr. Clark Russell's latest account of the pretty girl who went to sea with a limited number of sailors and an honest British mate. Frequent asseverations with respect to that pretty girl have probably by this time convinced every novel-reader that she exists somewhere in the flesh, that she is gifted with perpetual youth, and that she has as many shapes as Mr. Russell has written stories—and, it may be hoped, two or three more yet unrevealed. One regrets to learn that the flaxen-haired Danish sweetheart, formerly known as Shipmate Louise, who eloped with her lover under romantic circumstances, and passed many months in partial oblivion of her seafaring life, was subsequently raided from her father's home in England by a couple of Spanish dons. But all's well that ends well, and the reader who likes cheerful stories need not be too much alarmed by the author's menacing title. It is quite out of the range of Mr. Clark Russell's talents and idiosyncrasy to be deliberately and definitively tragical. That pretty young woman is bound to end

A Wild Wooing. By Florence Warden. (White & Co.)

MISS WARDEN belongs to the not wholly unfortunate class of writers who are their own worst enemies, or rivals. Once or twice she has seemed on the eve of the bold and exciting sensationalism of 'The House on the Marsh,' yet has retired without touching it. 'A Wild Wooing'—the name seems borrowed from verses by Le Fanuis stirring in its way; but it somehow is not a way suggestive of the author. The setting is good, so, in the main, are the characters. Why it should not be more "wonderfully thrilling," as Miss Wangel would say, we do not exactly know. The situation is put back some twenty-five years, and tells of smuggling enterprises and lawless adventure on a rugged Yorkshire coast. ture on a rugged Yorkshire coast. The heroine, a convent-bred girl, has a father who, "unbeknown" to her, is the leader of the gang. This young person falls suddenly and anyhow into the plot. Though lame, she holds her own well in that (unstablished of life which has overtaken expected) state of life which has overtaken her. Throughout the little girl's bearing shows her mettle, courage, and clearheadedness. She unravels the plot, under ground and above it, in a way that shows plenty of British pluck and determination. In the same spirit she falls in love unreservedly, yet not too indiscreetly, with a young Yorkshireman who has tasted of the perils and pleasures of contraband trade.

A Tale that is Told. By Edith Escombe. (Eden, Remington & Co.)

EDITH ESCOMBE has given us a lightly drawn picture of a girl with a bright but

ham's mother had in some way gone wrong; she herself perversely marries a man she does not love; and having, as she says, "la passion gourmande, mordre de la vie." she passion gourmande, mordre de la vie, presently begins to amuse herself with her husband's friends. Let not the reader con-clude that 'A Tale that is Told' will turn out to be only another commonplace story of warped affection and skittish self-indul-gence. It is nothing of the kind, but rather a delicate and purposely inconclusive study of the temptations to which some of the most attractive women are subject. Perhaps the author would have been more successful if she had given some definite indication of the young wife's triumph over herself, or even if she had made her fall picturesquely; but many readers will welcome by way of change a story which breaks off at the most critical point of the heroine's

Ships that pass in the Night. By Beatrice Harridan. (Lawrence & Bullen.)

A STORY may contain, say, a quantity which, for tinction, yet lack another quality which, for the call charm. The curious, original little volume called 'Ships that pass in the Night' has both—a great deal of both. Comparison is seldom sound criticism; still an affinity between certain books, or its absence, is at times striking. The unlikeness between the brilliant comedy 'A Study in Temptations' and the pleasing story named 'Ships that pass in the Night' somehow strikes one. The first shows a marked absence of real humanity and tenderness; the other has abundance of both, with much besides. We have rarely felt a story to be so thoroughly simpatica as Miss Harridan's. It is full of quick observation, deep insight, and quiet humour. Of sentiment and pathos, in the right sense, there is also plenty. The author has a particularly luminous way of presenting thoughts that have been vaguely entertained by many minds at some time or other, though they may never have been fashioned into words. To these she has given a very suggestive shape, which should alone win her grateful readers. To quote now and again is a temptation, and the style of this book lends itself sufficiently well to the purpose, and yet 'twere a pity to drag from their graceful setting the half-humorous, half-pathetic, and wholly thoughtful sayings. What story there is is slight, but essentially well told, and the picture of the health resort in the high Alps simply sparkles with vitality and freshness. Even to its sadder features a peculiar lightness of touch is given that makes all harmonious and delicate reading. The generalities introduced are always to the point; the chapter on invalids and their caretakers is less bitter than pathetically humorous. When it comes to particulars it would be difficult to meet with anything crisper and more fascinating in the way of character and effects of dialogue and scenery. The "Disagreeable Man"—who might easily be a tiresome caricature, but never approaches one for an instant—Bernardine, the Reffolds, the old book shop, even the merest passer, delight or move one in their different ways. From the title almost to the final word we like the book, yet cannot help bearing the drawn picture of a girl with a bright but author a slight grudge, though we dare not subtle and double character. Hetty Den-blame her, for ending it as she does.

That Hated Saxon. By the Lady Greville. (Ward & Downey.)

LADY GREVILLE has written rather a mild story about two young Englishmen who go over to Ireland for hunting, and steal away the hearts of two Irish maidens. The child Mona is a pleasant tomboy, but it is difficult to see what the other traction could have been in Eileen while attraction could have been in Eileen, while Kathleen strikes her colours too soon to be particularly interesting. There is a good deal of horsey shop for those who like it, and the impecunious but jovial M.F.H. is well drawn. But it may shrewdly be suspected that the reason why the book was written was to expose the methods of the Land League and the Plan of Campaign, and to bring odium on the Irish peasantry for resenting the conduct of foxhunting squires who ride over their land.

Dollars are Trumps. By Albert Kevill-Davies. (Griffith, Farran & Co.)

THE interest of this book lies chiefly in the appalling depths of American snobbery revealed with a quite unconscious humour by Mr. Kevill-Davies. He seems to regard it as quite natural that coroners or clergymen should be treated by a millionaire as so much dirt under his feet, that his daughter should show even in her kind actions such a mixture of insolence and contempt as would hardly be tolerated in a flunkey, and that the less wealthy members of the great democracy with whom they come in contact should behave to them with a correspondingly nauseous humility. Perhaps the gem of the book in this way is the following

"Counsel for the defence showed a disposi-tion to banter Miss Van Gold in cross-examination; but the judge, remembering that she was the daughter of the richest man in America severely rebuked him."

Special attention, moreover, is drawn, as to a remarkable fact, if it occurs to one of these rich snobs to display any of the ordinary good feelings of humanity. The story deals with two murders and the detection of their perpetrator; the solution of the mystery is fairly obvious halfway through, and yet at the same time too improbable to be interest-

The Private Life of an Eminent Politician. By Édouard Rod. (Allen & Co.)

WE have no information why the English translator of M. Rod's 'Vie privée de Michel Teissier' chose to generalize the title. It may have been from a desire (which we think mistaken) to emphasize yet further the suggestion from the history of the late Mr. Parnell which is confessed clearly in the original. But it is a disservice to the author, and not the only one. Although we have seen many worse translations from the French than this, it exhibits the curious, but it would seem general, tendency of the translator to vulgarize. We have no extravagant admiration for 'Michel Teissier' in the French, but we read it without any thought of vulgarity, and assuredly M. Rod is the least vulgar of writers. The translator here makes Teissier, or his friend Mondet, in the course of a serious and almost passionate conversa-tion, say, "Happy thought!" which dis-

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places and degrades the key at once. As for the book, we are afraid that it is not likely to please any kind of English taste, and, to tell the truth, we should be sorry if it did. There always has been and always will be large allowance for a man who obeys the impulses of frank and overmastering passion. Law may call it a crime, and philosophy a vice, and theology a sin; but humanity will, at any rate sometimes, vote extenuating circumstances. But people who condescend to go through collusive legal forms in order to satisfy a sham conventional respectability can claim no sympathy. As a masked battery against the French law or any law of divorce, M. Rod's book may have some weight; it can have very little charm as a novel for any healthy taste, inasmuch as even its pathos, though considerable, is essentially morbid and unreal.

Le Secret du Précepteur. Par Victor Cherbuliez. (Paris, Hachette & Co.)

The ugly resident tutor of two pretty girls, whose mother runs away from home, falls in love with the younger and more giddy of them. After her marriage, never having told his secret, he continues to be her confessor, and at last helps, along with the mother, to save her from following the mother's example. The hero tells his own story, and he and the heroine are admirably drawn. The book is dull till the twentieth chapter, but that chapter, which begins on 285, is the most perfect piece of work M. Cherbuliez has ever done, and is as fine as anything in modern literature.

#### BOOKS OF TRAVEL.

In the Vine Country, by E. C. Somerville and Martin Ross (Allen & Co.), is better than the promise of its first pages. The book opens with the announcement that this record of some autumn weeks spent in the Gironde originally appeared in an illustrated journal for ladies, and the first chapter, describing the humours of a Channel passage, with the subsequent experiences at a Parisian hotel, is quite according to the standard of that class of literature which is interspersed with fashion plates. The rest of the book is not only much better, but is even excellent in its descriptions of the vine-yards and the inhabitants of the Médoc and the St. Emilion districts. The authors, it appears, are two Irish maidens, of bold and enterprising habits. "We always found it advisable in France," they say, "to announce our true nationality as soon as convenient. We found ourselves at once on a different and more friendly footing, and talk had a pleasant tendency to drift into confidential calumny of our mutual neighbour, perfidious Albion." Although this patriotic practice is laudable, we wish that these sprightly ladies would reserve their Hibernian allusions for their friends in Guyenne, and be more sparing for their readers in the United Kingdom in their quotations from the sayings of Irish wits, and, we would impartially add, of Cockney ladies' maids. There is an account of a visit paid to a château in the St. Emilion district, which, to those who are familiar with French country-house life, is most entertaining, although the proceedings of the writers, and the cool manner in which they criticize the good people whose hospitality they socepted, afford as good an example as we have ever met with of what the French call "le sans-gêne Britannique." If two wild French girls—supposing it were possible for maidens of their ration to roam abroad unguarded—were to make their way into an English country house on the

strength of a letter of introduction from a former governess, we doubt if their reception would be one quarter as polite as that which the authors experienced in the château in question. On the whole, the little book is decidedly readable, and its descriptions of the vine country are as faithful as they are amusing.

Through the Land of the Aztecs, by "a Gringo" (Sampson Low & Co.), is an interesting little book descriptive of life and travel in Mexico from 1883 until a recent date. author professes to stand in some dread of the critics, and he must therefore have been amused at seeing that one of his reviewers called him "Mr. A. Gringo," being unaware that the name was a slang term used from Mexico to Chili to designate English and Americans. The explanation here given is the old one, namely, that the word had its origin in the fondness of the American soldiers in the war of 1846 for singing "Green grow the rushes, oh!" which is grossly improbable; but we cannot suggest a better, nor did we ever meet with any one who could. The port of Vera Cruz and the railway journey to the city of Mexico have already been often described, and the reader is not wearied with repetition; nor is there any "padding," with extracts from the accounts of the old Conquistadores and their doings. It is the Mexico of to-day that is presented to us, and we con-gratulate the author upon the felicitous manner in which he has performed his task; moreover his Spanish is always correct, and, saving a couple of obvious misprints, we have not detected an error in the book. His sketch of the perils of journalism is highly amusing. In England, what with the elasticity of the law of libel on the one side and the necessity for avoiding anything that can be construed into contempt of court on the other, the responsi-bilities of an editor are not light; but matters are worse in Mexico, where any disrespectful criticism of the ruling powers is promptly punished by incarceration in Belem, a prison filled with criminals of the worst description, among whom typhoid and small-pox are often prevalent. Under the eulogized rule of President Porfirio Diaz quite a number of editors were imprisoned at the same time; while mere correspondents, if they offend a lady by uncomplimentary remarks upon her head-gear, are liable to be shot at "on sight," and are some-times hit! Under these conditions, the author may well doubt whether journalism pays in Mexico; perhaps editors do not live long enough. After an excellent account of the trade, finance, institutions, and society, we are taken by the Central Railroad to Morelia, whence an excursion is made to Uruapam-famed for its delicious coffee-and to the lake of Patzcuaro, one of the most beautiful in the world; then to Leon-an most beautiful in the world; then to Leon—an important manufacturing centre; then to the great mining city of Zacatecas, and so by Chihuaha to El Paso, on the frontier of the United States. We can well remember when that place, as its name implies, was the spot where the Rio Grande del Norte might be crossed—when not in flood—and a great deal of the scum of two republics went that way; now it possesses several good hotels, banks, and two large railroad stations, and turns over dollars by millions. Several other interesting excursions are described, but it is unnecessary to enumerate them, for the author appears to have visited nearly every place of importance in the country, except in the extreme south. In fact, his work is a pleasantly written handbook; its only defect is the want of a map, and this is really unpardonable.

The Land of Ararat; or, Up the Roof of the World. By a Special Correspondent. (Eden, Remington & Co.)—This is certainly a misleading title, for the "Special Correspondent" never saw or went near the great mountain which we associate with the name of Ararat. The journey recorded seems to have taken place in the

winter of 1891-2, with the object of inquiring into the alleged sufferings of the Armenians at the hands of the Turks and Koords, and their condition and prospects generally. The party— the author throughout writes as "we" without further explanation-travelled from Trebizond by the Zigana Pass to Erzeroum, and after some stay there took the road by Kars and Alexandrapol to the Transcaucasian railway, and thence by Tiflis to Batoum. The journey being per-formed in midwinter, and the country mostly under snow, the travellers' facilities for observation were, as the writer pleads, much restricted; but he gives a clear impression of the difficulties and discomforts of the route, even when these are minimized by good introductions to the authorities, and the chief intention of the book is, besides, no doubt, to throw light on the political situation. There appears to be not only the long chronic misgovernment—under which the Mussulman population suffers as much as the Christian—but also much lawless violence from the Koords as well as from Circassians and other unruly emigrants from Russian territory. The stories of actual mal-treatment of Christians by Turks reported in English newspapers are, however, the author says, in great proportion exaggerated or false, as are the accounts of intended risings of the Armenian population, which are circulated by the Russians for their own purposes, and naturally cause the Turkish authorities to take severe measures under the influence of panic. If the Armenians could only be governed fairly by the Turka they would prefer this to annexation by Russia, entailing interference with their religion and language. Matters are said, meanwhile, to be gradually improving. The leading men in Turkey, several of whom the author interviewed, no longer feel antipathy to Christians as such, and desire to see them justly governed. The root of the mischief is in the local law courts and local officials. The writer does not explain, however, why, the feeling in influential quarters being so strongly in favour of reform, the improvement does not come more rapidly. The suggestion of an autonomous Armenian "buffer" state is not, he says, workable, none of the provinces concerned having a sufficiently homogeneous population. Geographers will be surprised to learn from the opening sentence of the book that "the Pamir steppe, a continuation of the Bolar [sic] range," is included in the high lands of Armenia—so, at least, we read the sentence; but the number of slipshod and inelegant, if not ungrammatical sentences in the book, and of misspellings of words and names, is considerable, and hardly to be excused in a writer who claims to represent what we suppose must be regarded as a department of literature.

A Visit to Java: with an Account of the Founding of Singapore. By W. Basil Worsfold. (Bentley & Son.)—In this slight, but pleasantly and intelligently written account of his tour, the author, having in view the edification of the intending traveller as well as of the home reader, has combined the ordinary record of a tourist's experience with some notices of deeper matters, such as the administrative system of the island, and its history and architectural remains. The impression he desires to leave on the reader's mind is that Java is a very pleasant place for the temporary visitor, who will find much to interest him, without, all things considered, encountering any serious discomforts or difficulties. The climate at Buitenzorg, with its famous gardens, or elsewhere at a few hundred feet above the sea, is healthy and enjoyable. It is less so at Batavia, where the Dutch—profiting, as Motley satirically puts it, by the "fortunate discovery of a congenial swamp" in an otherwise mountainous island—indulge in "canals and bridges and trim gardens and stagnant pools." But Englishmen need not laugh at this Dutch habit of carrying their home ways and associations with them to new settlements. The habit is a dis-

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tinguishing mark of our race too, and incidentally is the outcome of qualities we need not be ashamed of. What seems more remarkable is that in this tropical climate the Dutch, unlike the English in India, can live for generations without deteriorating, the complexion of women and children being, the author says, especially healthy. His account of various little social details is often amusing. In society not much notice, he says, is taken of the English, though they are gradually pushing their way to the front by their superiority in such matters as racing and lawn-tennis. As is well known, Java for many years produced immense revenues from the "Culture System," under which the natives were compelled to grow certain crops and to sell the produce at fixed prices to the Govern-ment. This system, after 1876, was gradually modified, and a certain amount of free cultivation permitted, and the revenues then began to fail. The author attributes the falling-off mainly to the general depreciation of tropical produce, and to the Atchin War. But there were other and perhaps more serious causes connected with the old system. The forced cultivation often led to great severities, if not cruelty; the cultivation of rice, the staple food of the people, was sometimes dangerously diminished, and the system was gradually undermined by its inherent defects. The Government now retains the monopoly of only a few products, but it is still the principal cultivator of coffee. This leads inevitably to unpleasant antagonism between it and the independent planters; but the whole situation is evidently in a transitional stage. The author does not, so far as we can make out, appear to have actually visited any of the famous ruins which he describes, and which, as he declares, "inspire the mind of the spectator with mingled feelings of wonder and solemnity. This is, perhaps, the least satisfactory part of the book. It may well be, as he says, that "the connexion between the religion of Buddha and Brahma has been often misunderstood"; but we cannot say that his "few words" of explanation quite clear up the misunderstanding. The whole question of the successive waves of Indian immigration into Java, whether of population or of doctrine, is confessedly obscure. The more striking marks of it may be referred to the seventh century A.D. But even placing it some centuries earlier, it seems rash to conclude, with the author, from the imperfect character of the Javan version of the 'Mahacharacter of the Javan version of the 'Maha-bharata,' that the immigration took place before that epic was completed. The illustrations in the volume are almost too slight and sketchy, and the ground plan of the temple of Borobudor is needlessly imperfect. When naming the fewspots in the Malay Archipelago which do not belong to the Dutch, the author has omitted the state of Saráwak, in Borneo, and the island of Timor, of which one-half belongs to Portugal. It is no doubt by a slip that he speaks of Fa-Hian as a "fifteenth-century" traveller.

A BOOK which may be useful to a barrister about to try his luck in India, specially to one who seeks his fortune up-country, is virtually the author's description of Work and Play in India and Kashmir, by J. D. Gordon (Eden, Remington & Co.). It is of very unequal merit, in some parts displaying questionable taste, in others charming, but on the whole clever and likely to commend itself to the unregenerate reader who knows India. The author has, we imagine, studied his Kipling very closely, and in a general way has accepted that brilliant, but not always accurate writer's estimate of Anglo-Indian society. Mr. Gordon remarks on the scanty knowledge of natives possessed by the official classes, and there is some—nay, in instances much—truth in what he says; nevertheless we do not agree with him that a barrister who knows the language is the person best acquainted with the people. To judge from the transliteration of native words (which are introduced too frequently for the comfort of an

ordinary reader), the author's knowledge of Hindustani is not profound; and we cannot help cautioning the youthful barrister, who may consult the book for guidance, to be careful how he accepts the figures given as incomes earned in his profession in the presidency towns. They may be correct, but 25,000*l.*, or even 20,000*l.* a year, are not easy to make when the rupee is at 1s. 2\frac{3}{4}d., and we should like to know how these figures compare with the income-tax returns.

#### OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Profit-Sharing and the Labour Question is a useful little book published by Messrs. Methuen & Co., and written by a profit-sharing employer, Mr. Bushill. There is no great literary merit about the volume, and the author digresses somewhat into other topics which are not very closely connected with his subject, and upon which he has not much to say. Profit-sharing in itself is so interesting that there is plenty of room for the book, to which Mr. Sedley Taylor contributes an introduction.

Book Prices Current (Stock) has now reached its sixth year of publication. Mr. Slater's annual record may be said to have established itself as indispensable both to the bookseller and bookbuyer, and has probably contributed to make prices steady. No very remarkable sale by auction occurred last year. The Althorp Library having been disposed of privately, the libraries that came to the hammer were all of minor importance.

The first of the two volumes into which the Victorian Year-Book is now divided reaches us from the Government Statist of Victoria. The work is printed for the Government Printer at Melbourne, and continues to improve each year. Those who are interested in the silver controversy will find the chapter on Australian mints and connected matters one of the best executed.

England and Rome: a History of the Relations between the Papacy and the English State and Church from the Norman Conquest to the Revolution of 1688, by Dr. Dunbar Ingram (Longmans), is a big controversial pamphlet, a piece of elaborate special pleading to prove that the Tudor supremacy substantially was the same as that of our mediæval kings. The theory is erroneous; but it has just enough truth in it to be difficult to refute without going into more detail than we can find room for, and meddling in ecclesiastical controversy hardly in place in the Athenæum.

Mr. Fisher Unwin has commenced his "Novel Series" (an inappropriate title) with a new edition of Mr. Wemyss Reid's well-known tale Gladys Fane. It is nicely got up.

The chief feature of the reprint of George Borrow's Lavengro in the excellent "Minerva Library" of Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co. is Mr. Watts's introduction, a masterly piece of criticism and very entertaining reading besides. Mr. Watts rightly says that Borrow was a splendid literary amateur. It is this amateurishness that threatens to interfere with the permanency of his writings in spite of the many magnificent passages in them.

M. MAURICE PELLISSON has done La Bruyère for the series of "Classiques Populaires" (Lecène, Oudin & Co.) with much discretion and success. This series does not, like some others, presume acquaintance with, if not an actual possession of, the works of the subject by the reader, but presents extracts and analyses combined with a sufficient biography, and only enough criticism to complete the picture. It requires, therefore, a good deal of unpretentious labour, and a good deal of abstinence from self-display, on the part of the author-editor. M. Pellisson appears to have applied both judiciously.

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WE have received the reports of the Free Libraries at Birmingham, Bristol, Clerkenwell, Liverpool, St. Martin's in the Fields, and West Ham. Except in the last instance, the reports are cheerful in tone. The Bristol one contains an interesting historical sketch marred by sundry misprints. From Wigan comes a catalogue, by Mr. Folkard, of the books in the Reference Library coming under F, which gives us an idea of the great excellence of the collection. The Belfast Library sends its report. It complains of the paucity of subscribers.

We have on our table Afloat and Ashore on the Mediterranean, by L. Meriwether (Low), — Monk and Knight, by F. W. Gunsaulus (Nelson),—The Book of Marvellous Adventures, and other Books of the Morte d'Arthur, edited by E. Rhys (Scott), — Cab and Caboose, by K. Munroe (Putnam), — Nilus, by the Authoresses of 'Greystone Grange' (Truslove & Shirley),—Cynthia, by C. Blatherwick (Chapman & Hall), — Stray Thoughts in Verse, by E. C. Leader (Digby & Long),—My Birthday Book, edited by Mary Trebeck (Wells Gardner),—The Divine Purpose of Capital Punishment, by J. MacMaster (Kegan Paul), — Against Dogma and Free-Will, by H. C. Hiller (Williams & Norgate),—De Heidelbergsche Catechismus en het Bockje van de Breking des Broods, in het Jaar 1563-64 bestreden en Verdedigd, by Dr. M. A. Gooszen (Leyden, Brill),—Der Roman in Deutschland von 1774 bis 1778, by C. Heine (Nutt),—John Locke und die Schule von Cambridge, by Dr. Georg Freiherr v. Hertling (Freiburg, Herder),—Grundzüge einer Sozialpüdagogik und Sozialpolitik, by Prof. Dr. K. Fischer (Eisenach, Wilckens),—Le Tasse, by E. Mellier (Paris, Lecène, Oudin & Co.),—Beiträge zur experimentellen Psychologie, by H. Münsterberg, Part IV. (Williams & Norgate),—Alise, by J. Lermina (Paris, Lévy),—Verzeichniss der Bibliotheken, by P. E. Richter (Leipzig, Hedeler),—and Wellington, by K. Bleibtreu (Leipzig, Friedrich).

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March, 1893. I CAN vouch for the fact that "lifting" died hard in Staffordshire as in Lancashire. When as hard in Staffordshire as in Lancashire. I was a youngster, living in a country village in the former county nearly forty years ago, it was usual for the boys to go round in parties of two or three to lift all the girls of their acquaintance. Their efforts in this respect were generally encouraged by the young ladies' mothers, and they did not, as a rule, find much bashfulness amongst the maidens themselves, although one was occasionally met with who ably de-fended herself with her nails. Cakes and home-made wine were handed round at most of the houses called at.

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On the Tuesday the boot was on the other leg, and the lifting was done by the "gentler" sex, while the party "heaved" was expected to stand treat. There was a certain Mr. Ayshford Wise who represented Stafford for many years, Wise who represented Stationd for many years, and who found it not only a very expensive but inconvenient journey if he happened to pay a visit to that town on Easter Tuesday, as the "ladies" who pounced upon him were not always clean, and were rather exacting in their demands.

Benjn. Dain-Hopwood, F.J.I.

#### LEIGH HUNT ON HIMSELF.

This was a favourite subject with Hunt. His 'Autobiography' is well known as one of the pleasantest of his many pleasant works, and one of the most interesting of its interesting class. If he estimated himself indulgently, and sought to prove that his failings sprang mainly from his own virtues and the faults of others, it merely showed the human nature in him. But he often treated himself very fairly and candidly. In December, 1889, you printed (Atheneum, No. 3241) from his long-forgotten Tatter an estimate of himself as a literary man and of his relations to Shelley and Keats, evoked by some remarks of Arthur Hallam in the equally forgotten Englishman's Magazine for 1831. I have since found another self-estimate—this time of his whole nature and character—which, as its existence was unknown to my friend Mr. Alexander Ireland, will probably be new to most people.

I found the document in a volume of pamphlets, &c., bound up by John Forster, and now in his collection at South Kensington. It is a quarto half-sheet, apparently printed to match with the first edition of Hunt's 'Lord Byron and his Contemporaries,' the only book that Hunt ever regretted he had written. And he had ample reason for regret, for its manifold faults of taste and temper were severely criticized; the book having especially hurt the feelings of many literary gentlemen, who envied Hunt his opportunities of receiving ill treatment at the hands of a lord.

The half-sheet, which is unpaged and without printer's signature, is headed: "An Attempt of the Author to estimate his own character.'

There can be no doubt that it is to this document that Hunt alludes in the Appendix to the second edition of 'Lord Byron and his Contemporaries' — in a passage which I had better quote, as the book is somewhat

scarce. (It will be observed that although Hunt states that he meant to issue the "Attempt" with the second edition, which was published in two volumes octavo, the form of the sheet which Forster has preserved shows that it was meant to go with the first edition, which was published in one volume quarto. This which was published in one volume quarto. This sheet, however, may have been printed merely for private distribution, or for the benefit of purchasers of the quarto edition. However that may be, the Forster copy is probably unique.)

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"It was intended to close this edition with some letters out of the Morning Chronicle, and an 'attempt (which I had promised in them) to estimate my own character.' But I am obliged to break my promise, on finding my advisers of opinion, that the performance of it, instead of doing what I wished, would subject me to suspicion of intending the reverse. I find it difficult to persuade myself that some things which I had said in that estimate could be considered as any other than extraordinary specimens of a candour far beyond the wish to profit by it; but I am aware of the involuntary tricks played by self-love. I can only say as a proof that I am not sensible of them in the present instance, that I cannot but feel relieved at not having to lay myself thus open to the public. I had thought of retaining the ill I have spoken, and leaving out the good. But, while the egotism of my critics might have found an excess of pretension even in this, on the other hand it would not have been reasonably fair to myself, considering how I am treated. So little ceremony is used towards some of my real faults, so many others invented for me, and so violently is the defence of Lord Byron taken up by those who have said much worse of him in their time than anything uttered by me, that I might, perhaps, in common justice, be warranted in keeping the rest of my errors to myself, as a compensation for what I have forborne to relate of others."

This last sentence must have been considered as an aggravation of the original offence, for it hints that the book, full as it was of complaint and censure of others, might have been fuller of the same kind of matter, had not its author "forborne." J. D. C.

An attempt of the Author to estimate his own character.

As I have said so much of others, it may be proper that I should be equally explicit with regard to myself. I will be so; and solely on that account. There are some things in this book, which make it proper to show how little I desire to have qualities attributed to me, bad or good, that I do not possess. What I have to say will contain matter, which no reputation for candour could render it agreeable to say, and which nothing could induce me to set down, if I did not believe that truth in society were the one thing needful.

Born of parents of very different temperaments, and after they had undergone great adversity, I believe that my existence has been modified accordingly. I am at once the sickliest and most sanguine of my race, the liveliest and most thoughful, the most social and the most solitary, the most indolent and the most laborious.

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I am not naturally a teller of truth. Impulse and fancy would tend to make me the reverse; but I saw the danger of it: I should admire sincerity, if it were for nothing but the graces of it; but I have learnt to love it with all my heart and soul, as the only safe ground for humanity to go upon, and the one thing desirable above all others in the moral world. I believe truth to be that, in words, which the discovery of the experimental philosophy has been in science; and that as the latter will infallibly alter the face of society, and give it the most new, golden, and unhoped-for opportunities, so the former will be the secret for securing its happiness. I feel certain, that if men could but compare notes to morrow, and confess to one another their real feelings and desires, society would alter at once, by acclamation.

I am naturally hasty and jealous; or rather I was made jealous as I believe others to be, in the common course of education, for I do not believe that unloving interferer with love to be a natural human passion. But I have become jealous for others, more than of them; and the necessity for great patience has entirely subdued my hastiness: but the power of pleasing, and great indulgence from my friends, have left me a secret store of self-love, by reason of which I find the first smarting of any wound to my vanity extremely painful to me, so that I have to blush for myself for the very blushing that heats my cheek. But the next minute I philosophise myself quite out of the paroxysm; and

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I will affirm, as one of the surest things I know, that nobody can wound my self-love so much as to hinder me from valuing what is good in him, and proclaiming it. Melancholy has done me that kind service, that it has taught me to think too deeply of human nature, to quarrel at heart with any being that belongs to it.

Revenge I should be too indolent to care about, even if I had not learnt to know it for what it is. I pretend to be above nothing in a proud sense; but some things I have got remote from, and this is one.

Early delicacy of temperament, imagination, and a life of letters, accompanied with an improvidence partly occasioned by indolence, partly by animal spirits, and partly by the most singular missing of everything like an arithmetical education, have rendered excitement so tempting to me, that were it not for my love of what is graceful, I fear that the necessity for health itself would hardly hinder me from being a drinker, and even a gourmand; and I confess it is a constant and hard exercise of my philosophy not to eat too much, and make my stomach worse than it is.

My friends will be surprised to hear this. But I flatter myself they will be more surprised when I tell them (and I suffer inexpressible pain in the telling it) that I am not a courageous man. I feel as if the respect of one sex, and the love of the other, were forsaking me when I say so; but they ought not: and this reflection re-assures me. Yes:—circumstances, known only to myself, have shown me, that the organization I was born with has

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It is a singular chance in my history, that I have been led to give a personal account of another man—and that an unfavourable one,—when there is nobody less given than myself to tattle and gossip, or who cares less to make

as well as locations; and I think also that the world would have been losers in a very large way,—far beyond what the utilitarians suppose, and yet on their own ground,—if certain men of a lively and improvident genius,—humanists, of the most per-

suasive order, had not sometimes left themselves under the necessity of being assisted in a smaller way. But I deaire, for my own part, not to be excused in anything, in which I do not take the

under the necessity of being assisted in a smaller way. But I desire, for my own part, not to be excused in anything, in which I do not take the whole of my fellow-creatures and their errors along with me. Let me not be left out of the pale of humanity, for praise or for blame; and I am content. I desire only to teach and be taught; or if that be too presumptuous a saying, to learn and compare notes. Happy and proud as I am to have been obliged, [I] could have waived even that felicity to have saved myself from the remorse of not having secured something for my children. But this I trust I am now in the way of doing. They have wits of their own, thank God! if I should fail; and they at least have a happy childhood, and learn to have a passion for a liberal justice.

The rest of my character is to be seen in my writings; from which, for aught I know, the reader may draw a truer picture than I can do of it in all its parts. A clever but dishonourable French Critic, who visited this country, and got his notions of some of the liberal writers from the tables of the Scotch Tories, has described me as a great sensualist. He is mistaken. I am more candid than others, and perhaps more voluptuous; but I demand also more refinement in my pleasures, and cannot separate them from sentiment and affection; and hypocrites take advantage of my candour in this instance, as they do in others. I own I have an extreme sense of the pleasurable, but never unassociated with grace and with the heart; and I as little partake of some of those abuses of license, which coarse minds and narrow views for society have rendered legitimate, as I do in the face-making with which they are carried on. I have not even a secret from those I love: no, not one.

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Let the reader think what a state society must be in, from the surprise which that confession alone will involuntarily create in him.

As to my person, I am dark and black-haired, almost as a Creole; and have nothing to boast of but a gentlemanly carriage and a thoughtful face. Thought alone rescues my face from insignificance; but I must say it has not the expression, nor the villanous lower jaw, which the engraver in his "hurry" has given it in this book.

In the sale of the libraries of the late Sir Robert Comyn and Sir William Drake on the 13th inst. and following days at the rooms of Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge the following works brought high prices:-Ruskin's Stones of Venice, 15l. Jesse's Memoirs of the Court of England, 20l. 10s. Purchas's Pilgrims, facsimile title, 27l. 10s. Hore, MS. on vellum with miniatures, 22l.; Hore, MS. on velum with miniatures, 22l.; Horse, MS. on velum with miniatures, 29l. Dickens's Christmas Books, 7l. 17s. 6d. Rogers's Italy and Poems, in fine binding, 26l. George Eliot's Works, 34l. Sainet Greal, 26l. 10s. Boccace, Genealogie des Dieux, 16l. Harleian Society's Publications, 18l. 10s. Missale Herefordiense, MS. on vellum, but imperfect, 88l. Thackeray, the édition de luxe, 23l. 2s. 6d. Tennyson, Poems by Two Brothers, large paper, 1827, 27l.; Poems, the edition of 1830, 12l.; the edition of 1833, 21l. Encyclopedia Britannica, 20l. Com-monwealth Acts of Parliament, 19l. Glanville de Proprietatibus Rerum, in manuscript, 10/. 15s. Molière, Les Femmes sçavantes, 1673, 171. 10s. Byron, Curse of Minerva, first edition, 1812, 60l. Blake, Book of Thel, seven leaves, 1789, 14l. 10s. Alken, Ideas on Hunting, imperfect, 19l.

# AUTHORS AND EDITORS. March, 1893.

I AM very glad that your correspondent has written on this subject, and that you have published her letter. As the author of two books which have been reviewed in your columns, as well as of several shorter tales, perhaps you will allow me to say that I have in three instances received similar unworthy treatment from the editors of magazines. In the one case, my stories, after being retained for over two years, were returned to me, on my making inquiry about them, with merely the excuse that no room could be found for them. Of course I had assumed that the tales were accepted, and would be published as soon as convenient. No expression of regret for

the useless delay and the disappointment caused was made to me, and no notice was taken of my surprised remonstrance, I may add that the magazine is a long established one and its editor is a well-known man. The second editor of whom I complain is, I am sorry to say, a lady. She has accepted contributions of mine for her magazine, twelve years ago, which she has never inserted or returned. One contribution, after being accepted, was, indeed, after a long interval, returned-too late for acceptance in any other magazine, as it referred to a now past event. Another contribu-tion, the longest of all, was lost, for when I asked for it back I was told it could not be found. The worst case of all is that of another editor, who, after having retained a story for more than a year, published it in his magazine, and took no notice whatever of many repeated applications I made for payment, enclosing stamped envelopes, and for the return of two more tales. At last, in despair, I had to call in legal assistance. Not until a summons had been served was the payment for the three stories made. have often wondered at the almost cruel infliction of disappointment in so many cases on struggling authors by editors of magazines, from whom a different treatment might be expected. FANNY SOPHIA HOLLINGS.

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Mr. T. FISHER UNWIN will publish in the spring season 'The Autobiography of Theobald Wolfe Tone,' edited by Mr. R. B. O'Brien,—in the "Adventure Series," 'Women Adventurers, containing the lives of Hannah Snell, Mrs. Christian Davies, Mary Ann Talbot, &c., edited, with notes, by Mrs. Henry Norman; and 'The Life and Adventures of James P. Beckwourth,' edited, with preface, by Mr. C. G. Leland,—in the series of "Great French Writers," 'Théophile Gautier,' by M. M. du Camp, translated by Miss J. E. Gordon, with preface by Mr. A. Lang,—'Recollections of the Countess Thérèse of Brunswick' (Beethoven's "unsterbliche Geliebte"), by Mariam Tenger, translated by Mrs. Rollo Russell,—the following essays: 'Old-World Scotland,' by Mr. T. F. Henderson; 'The Labour Movement,' by Mr. L. T. Hobhouse, with preface by Mr. Haldane, M.P.; 'Verbum Dei,' being the Yale Lectures on Preaching for 1893, by Mr. R. F. Horton; 'The English Peasant,' by Mr. R. Heath; and 'The Merry Month, and other Pieces, by Mr. A. B. Baildon,—in the "Story of the Nations": 'Parthia,' by Prof. G. Rawlinson; 'The Australian Commonwealth: Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, West Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania,' by Mr. G. Tregarthen; and 'The Recovery of Spain,' by Mr. H. E. Watts,—'The Australians,' a social sketch, by Mr. F. Adams,—'Sunny Manitoba,' by Mr. A. O. Legge,—in the series of "Climbers' Guides": 'The Cogne Mountains,' by M. Yeld and Rev. W. A. B. Coolidge; and 'The Adula Alps of the Lepontine Range,' by Mr. Coolidge,—the following volumes of poetry: in the "Cameo Series," 'Retrospect, and other Poems,' by Mr. F. W. Bourdillon; 'The Break of Day, and other Poems,' by the Hon. Rollo Russell; 'The Songs of William Renton'; and 'Refrections' by Mr. C. MR. T. FISHER UNWIN will publish in the Corda,' by Mr. F. W. Bourdillon; 'The Break of Day, and other Poems,' by the Hon. Rollo Russell; 'The Songs of William Renton'; and 'Reflections and Refractions,' by Mr. C. Weekes,—also the following works of fiction: in the "Pseudonym Library," 'Squire Helman,' by Juhani Aho, translated from the Finnish by Mr. R. N. Bain (with an introduction on the Finnish novel); 'A Father of Six,' by Petanenko, translated by Mr. W. Gaussen: by Mr. R. N. Bain (with an introduction on the Finnish novel); 'A Father of Six,' by Potapenko, translated by Mr. W. Gaussen; 'The Two Countesses,' by E. Eschenbach, translated by Mrs. Waugh; and 'God's Will,' by Mlle. Ilse Frapan, translated by Mrs. Mac donell,—in the "Independent Novel Series," 'A Constant Lover,' translated from Hauff by Mr. J. Nisbet, and 'Stories from Garschine,'

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translated by Mrs. Alice Voynich, with introduction by Mr. Sergius Stepniak,—in the "Children's Library," 'The Pentamerone, or the Story of Stories,' by Giambattista Basile, translated from the Neapolitan by John Edward Taylor, illustrated by Cruikshank, revised and edited by Miss H. Zimmern; and 'Finnish Legends,' adapted by Mr. R. Eivind, —'Amabel: a Military Romance,' by Mrs. C. Maguire,—'Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle,' by Miss R. M. Kettle,—'Was He the Other?' by Miss Isobel Fitzroy,—'The Stickit Minister, and Some Common Men,' by Rev. S. R. Crockett,—'Paynton Jacks,' by Mrs. Marian Bower,—and Some Common Men, by Nev. S. N. Crockets, 'Paynton Jacks,' by Mrs. Marian Bower,—and 'Bianca,' by Mrs. Bagot Harte. Mr. Unwin also announces a reissue of the "Mermaid Series" of old dramatists in a new form, and the Irish library which we mentioned some time

Messrs. Hutchinson announce 'Under the Great Seal,' by Mr. Joseph Hatton,—an illustrated edition of 'The Cuckoo in the Nest,' by Mrs. Oliphant,—'The Last Tenant,' by Mr. B. L. Farjeon,—'Verses,' by Mr. Mallock,—'The Making of a Man,' by Rev. Dr. J. W. Lee,—'Lottie's Wooing,' by Darley Dale,—a popular edition of 'The Life and Times of Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,'—'An Unsparing Avenger,' by Mrs. Conney,—three new volumes of "The Poets and the Poetry of the Century," edited by Mr. A. H. Miles: Vol. VIII., dealing with 'The Later Poets'; Vol. IX., 'The Sacred Poets'; and Vol. X., 'The Poets of Society and Humour,'—'His Wife's Soul,' by Mr. Fitzgerald Molloy,— Messrs. Hutchinson announce 'Under the 'His Wife's Soul,' by Mr. Fitzgerald Molloy,—
'The Duchess of Berry and the Court of
Charles X.,' and 'The Duchess of Berry and the Charles X., and 'The Duchess of Berry and the Revolution of July, 1830,' by Imbert de Saint Amand,—'The Village Blacksmith,' by Darley Dale,—'A Book of Wise Sayings,' by Mr. W. A. Clouston,—'A Brilliant Woman,' by the Hon. Mrs. H. Chetwynd,—'Woman's Enterprise and Genius,' by Miss A. M. Stone,—'Morris Julian's Wife,' by Miss E. Olmis,—'A Wild Proxy,' by Mrs. W. K. Clifford, illustrated,—'Mr. and Mrs. Herries,' by May Crommelin,—'The Adventures of Point Despair: the Narrative of a Pursuit,' by Mr. Marriott-Watson,—and 'The Matador,' by Mr. Hume Nesbit, illustrated.

#### Literary Gosstp.

THE final instalment of Bishop Wordsworth's 'Reminiscences,' which Mr. W. Earl Hodgson has edited, is to be issued on the 28th inst., the date of the celebration of the quincentenary of Winchester College. The book will contain many letters from Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone.

Mr. Fraser Rae, an old friend of the late M. Taine, who first made his merits known to our public by an article in the Westminster Review for 1861, is now engaged in preparing for publication a book on Taine's 'Life and Works.' Mr. J. E. C. Bodley, who last year was a near neighbour of M. Taine on the Lake of Annecy, contributes to Blackwood for April some reminiscences of the great French writer.

The author of 'Dorothy' and 'Vulgar Errors' will publish immediately a new work entitled 'Susan: a Poem of Degrees.' It is the story of a man who married beneath him, as the phrase goes, and whose wife declined to be raised.

MR. W. E. HENLEY, who is at present engaged upon the volumes of English prose selections which he is editing with Mr. Charles Whibley, has undertaken a selection of English lyrics, which will be published, we understand, by Messrs. Methuen & Co. A new edition of Mr. Henley's last volume of poems, 'The Song of the Sword,' will shortly be published, with several additional numbers. A fourth edition of the 'Book of Verses' is also about to go to press.

MRS. OLIPHANT will contribute another of her stories of the "Seen and Unseen" to Blackwood for April. Its title is 'A Visitor and his Opinions,' and it deals with some of the chief problems of the age. Among the other contributions will be an account of the opening of the first free Parliament of Tonga under the aged King George, who died last month; an article on 'St. Vincent,' by J. R. Mozley; a woodland paper from the "Son of the Marshes"; and an account of the condition and prospects of 'Sport in Norway in the Present Day.'

Max O'Rell's lecturing tour in Austral-asia has been so successful that his manager, Mr. R. S. Smythe, has engaged him for a South African tour, and he was to sail from Melbourne for the Cape of Good Hope on

MR. GEORGE GISSING'S forthcoming novel 'The Odd Women,' which will be issued in three volumes by Messrs. Lawrence & Bullen, deals with the lot of women who, for statistical or other reasons, have small chance of marriage. Among the characters, militant or conventional, are some who succeed, and some who fail, in the effort to make their lives independent.

CAPT. LUGARD has written an article on the partition of Africa, which will appear in an early number of the Pall Mall Gazette. That journal will migrate to its new premises at the beginning of next month.

THE first number of the Pall Mall Magazine, of which we have already spoken, will be published at the end of April by Messrs. George Routledge & Sons. The conductors of this new serial are Lord Frederick Hamilton and Sir Douglas Straight, who have secured contributions from the Countess of Cork, Miss Broughton, Mrs. Parr, Mr. Swinburne, Mr. Theodore Watts, Mr. Zangwill, and Mr. W. W. Astor.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Booksellers' Provident Retreat at Abbots Langley will be held at No. 56, Old Bailey (Sunday School Union) on the afternoon of Tuesday next, when the committee for managing the affairs of the association will be elected and all other necessary business transacted.

MESSRS. F. NORGATE & Co., publishers and foreign booksellers, have removed to 44, Shaftesbury Avenue.

MADAME DARMESTETER writes :-

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"Will you kindly correct a paragraph in last
week's 'Literary Gossip' calculated to give a
false impression of the nature of my forthcoming
book? It is emphatically not a 'collection of
poems which have appeared in the Athenœum
and elsewhere,' but a book of unpublished
verses, chiefly written while my eyes were bad
this winter, of which only a very few lyrics have
been printed in the Athenœum or in any other

THE value of the personal estate of the late Mr. Francis Black, of the firm of A. & C. Black, who died in December last, is given as rather exceeding 72,000%. The net value of the personal estate of the late Capt. Hawley Smart, the writer of sporting fiction, is rather under 500%. The will of the late Mr. Pettie, R.A., has been proved. The net value of his personal estate is 10,497l.

THE annual report of Messrs. Chapman & Hall, Limited, shows an available balance of 8,703l., which, with a small amount brought forward, gives a dividend to the shareholders at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, and leaves 3951. to be carried to the new account.

THAT well-known antiquary Sir George Duckett is editing the 'Visitations and Chapters-General of the Order of Cluni, in respect of Alsace, Lorraine, Trans-jurane Burgundy, and other Parts of the Province of Germany, from 1269-1529.' He has added annotations and has also appended notices. The Chapters-General are a new feature in monastic literature and the chief point of interest in the work. The book will be issued to subscribers only, and although it makes a thick volume, the price is to be very low.

In his researches Sir George has come upon an amusing story referring to the prior, whom the Cluniacs seem always to have thought indispensable to a numery —perhaps to keep the ladies in order. The prior in question took it into his head to get up a kind of concert, and for this purpose gathered together a lot of singing "seculares" and strolling players. These gentry made such a din in the convent that they disturbed the neighbourhood, and the people, accustomed to consider the place a model of piety and repose, were scan-dalized, and commenced to break all the windows. The prior sallied forth, and nearly killed two of them, of whom one remained still in bed at that time, "semi-

Mr. W. A. Copinger, F.S.A., of Manchester, a gentleman well known in the book world and the originator of the Bibliographical Society, has printed privately 'A Catalogue of the Copinger Collection of the Editions of the Latin Bible.' The list is of a comprehensive character, and is accompanied by annotations by Mr. Copinger. This volume will doubtless be of great interest to bibliographers and collectors.

THE Baptist Union is about to issue a series of handbooks on Nonconformist his-

THE Law Quarterly Review for April will contain a comment on 'Some Aspects of Law Teaching,' by the Right Hon. Sir Edward Fry; an article on 'Summary Jurisdiction,' by Mr. W. J. Stewart (Stipendiary Magistrate, Liverpool); one on 'International Law and Acts of Parliament,' by Prof. T. E. Holland; and some remarks on 'The Present System of Law Reporting,' by Mr. John Mews.

MICHAEL FIELD has in the press a book of verses entitled 'Underneath the Bough,' It will be printed at the Chiswick Press in a limited edition, uniform in size with the author's previous volume of lyrics, 'Long

MR. J. F. KNIGHT, whose volume on the Pamir question, where three empires meet, is in the press, is editing the "Badminton" volume on 'Yachting.'

'EUTHANASIA; OR, THE TURF, THE TENT, AND THE TOMB,' a novel which has attracted

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THE late M. Jules Ferry was a journalist and pamphleteer of very considerable ability. In his younger days he contributed to the Gazette des Tribunaux, a French law journal, and for several years after 1865 he was on the staff of the Temps. The fame of his best-known work was due to its title, 'Les Comptes fantastiques d'Haussmann.' This appeared just after Gautier had written on 'Les Contes fantastiques' of Hoffmann.
M. Ferry also defended his Tonquin policy in print, and has, we believe, left sufficient material for a volume of essays on the colonial expansion of France.

Mr. GILBERT PARKER, who has just returned to England from Quebec and the North-West, has written a short novel, 'The Translation of a Savage, which is to be published in an early number of Lippincott's Magazine. He has also written stories for Scribner and Harper.

THE New York Authors' Club intends to issue a series of volumes to its members similar to the Grolier Club's series. The price will be a hundred dollars a volume.

Messes. Bell will publish immediately in "Bohn's Standard Library" the second volume of Prof. Ten Brink's 'History of English Literature,' containing Wyclif, Chaucer, Earliest Drama, Renaissance. The translation has been made by Dr. W. Clarke Robinson.

THE death is announced, by the Critic of New York, of Mr. Douglas Campbell, the author of 'The Puritan in Holland, England, and America,' at the age of fifty-three. Mr. Campbell's book was the occasion of the much-quoted letter from Mr. Gladstone in which the latter described himself as "a pure Scotchman." It was not without merits, but the author sadly lacked training in his-torical research. Mr. Campbell was born in 1839 in Cherry Valley, N.Y. His father was Judge William M. Campbell of the Superior Court of New York, and afterwards of the Supreme Court. At the beginning of the Civil War the son enlisted as a volunteer, and rose to the rank of major. Afterwards he studied law at Harvard, and in 1866 began to practise in New York. Mr. Campbell leaves a widow and four

About a year ago we announced the formation of a Litteraturarchiv - Gesellschaft at Berlin, with the object of preserving from oblivion or destruction the letters, literary remains, &c., of distinguished German According to the secretary's report, read at the general meeting recently held of the Society, upwards of a thousand letters from well-known German writers and several hundred manuscripts were secured last year. Prof. Weinhold has again been elected President, and Prof. Mommsen Deputy President, of the Society. Drs. Dilthey, Jonas, Rodenberg, &c., were again elected members of the Council.

THE library of the lamented Sir Bernard Burke is to be dispersed by Mr. Bennett, the well-known Dublin auctioneer, next week. As was to be expected, its strength lies in genealogical books and heraldic publications, county histories, and works relating to Ireland.

THE Parliamentary Papers this week include the Annual Report of the Director of the National Gallery for 1892 (2d.); and Ancient Laws and Institutes of Ireland, Report of the Brehon Law Commissioners (1d.).

#### SCIENCE

ASTRONOMICAL LITERATURE.

Old and New Astronomy. By the late R. A. Proctor. Completed by A. C. Ranyard. (Longmans & Co.)—He who brings forth out of his treasures things new and old can do no more; and he who treats of a science or other subject from its old and new aspects claims, in fact, to deal with it as a whole, embracing every part under our cognizance. It is now more than four years of popular books and articles on astronomy, died. He had devoted a large part of his time in the years immediately preceding to the pre-paration of an astronomical work under the above title, which should be his opus magnum and embody the chief results which had been obtained in the most fascinating and interesting of the sciences, giving special prominence, as was natural, to those to which his own investigations had led him. The greater part of this work was finished in manuscript at the time of the author's decease (which was sudden and premature) in September, 1888. Fortunately the completion and editing were taken up by one thoroughly competent to the task, who has spared no pains, though, in consequence of his desire to be accurate, combined with much other pressing occupation, the publication has taken longer than he anticipated. It has appeared in parts, the first of which was issued in the same year in which Mr. Proctor died, the thirteenth and last recently, and the whole work is now before us. As most of our readers have probably seen the earlier parts we shall confine our remarks to the later, the production of Mr. Ranyard, who has also incorporated portions of them in articles in the wellknown monthly magazine Knowledge, which he has edited since Mr. Proctor's death. These refer more especially to the distribution of the stars and nebulæ and the construction of the visible universe, respecting which so much new information has been obtained in recent years by the aid of spectroscopy and photography. Mr. Ranyard has placed before his readers a large number of excellent reproductions of photographic pictures of nebulæ and other stellar regions, which will enable them to judge of the nature of the probable accuracy and truth of the views which he has formed with regard to the constitution of nebulæ. Marvellously changed, indeed, is the position we occupy in such investigations from that of the Herschels, the younger of whom died (in 1871) whilst the "new astronomy" was still only in its infancy. To give an idea of the interesting points involved and to some extent brought out would be imossible in a mere short notice like the present. We can only say that a better explanatory and historical résumé of the great and far-reaching results achieved in the study of the worlds around us and the stellar universe of which we are able to take cognizance by modern science than the work before us does not exist in our language.

The Visible Universe: Chapters on the Origin and Construction of the Heavens. By J. Ellard Gore. (Crosby Lockwood & Son.)-The author's previous astronomical works are well known, and the present can hardly fail to be welcomed as giving an interesting explanation and discussion of the theories which have been evolved and supported by men of science regarding the construction of the heavens (the knowledge of which was stated by Sir William Herschel to be the ultimate object of his observations) and the

extent of the visible universe; for Mr. Gore does not omit to point out that, notwithstanding the immense advance of our penetration into be that much vaster regions will probably for ever remain unknown to us in our present state, owing to the impossibility of light reaching us from universes, so to speak, thus invisible to mortal eyes. At present but little is known of the constitution of the luminiferous ether by the undulations in which we are enabled to see objects at a distance, and by which only we can obtain evidence of their existence. Gravitation also is, after all, a mysterious force, the law or mode by which it acts being practically almost all we know about it. Various theories have been advanced to explain its method of action, but none of them can be considered satisfactory solutions of the problem. There may possibly, Mr. Gore suggests, be a close connexion between the two mysteries, and should the time ever come when we shall thoroughly understand the constitution of this at present inconceivable the constitution or this at present inconceivable fluid, such knowledge may not improbably lead us to a solution of the great mystery of gravitation. However this may be, the work before us is well calculated to stimulate interest in the questions which can be intelligently discussed in the light of modern astronomical discoveries. We cannot give a better sketch of its contents than that of the author in his preface :-

"The first four chapters contain a popular account of the theories which have been advanced to explain the evolution of the solar system and the origin of the sun's heat. The fifth and sixth chapters give some account of the luminiferous ether and the supposed constitution of matter. The seventh chapter deals with celestial chemistry. The remaining chapters describe the construction of the sidereal heavens, and the various theories respecting the constitution of the universe which have been advanced by eminent astronomers."

In speaking of the now accepted theory of the conservation of the sun's heat by the shrinkage of its mass we miss any reference to the work of Mr. Homer Lane. The so-called meteoritic of Mr. Homer Lane. The so-called meteoritic hypothesis is fully discussed, as well as the objections which, as has already been pointed out in these columns, are fatal to its acceptance. Did space allow, we should dwell longer upon the contents of a volume replete with interest; as it is, we must conclude with an earnest re-commendation to our readers to study it for themselves. The latest results respecting the distribution of stars and nebulæ, their relative motions, and the physical constitution of the heavenly bodies are given; and the numerous illustrations—including several photographs of star-clusters, and one (by Dr. Roberts) of the great nebula in Andromeda—add much to the value of a work to which we wish the success it so well merits.

The Cycle Calendar; or, 128 Years Cycle System of measuring Time. By Alexander Griffith. (Eyre & Spottiswoode.)—Many proposals have been put forward lately for tinkering or improving calendar arrangements. The authors of these are apt to forget the great inconvenience which would be occasioned by alterations of this kind, even though their proposals, had they been adopted originally, would in some respects have been superior to those which were actually preferred. It is well known that the Gregorian style of reckoning, whilst it keeps the calendar much more correspondent with the season of the year than the old Julian style, is not absolutely perfect, although sufficient for all practical runnings. purposes. The true length of a tropical purposes. The true length of a tropical year (that which regulates the seasons) is 365-24220 days. This differs from a Julian year (365\(\frac{1}{2}\) or 365-25 days) by the fraction 0078 of a day. Now this fraction amounts to a whole day in 128 years. Hence (as is remarked by Mr. Lynn in an article on the 'Styles of the Calendar,' contributed to the 'Companion to the British Almanac for 1882') "the simplest method of keeping up the desired." "the simplest method of keeping up the desired

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correspondence would seem to have been to have decreed that an exception should be made and a leap year dropped at the end of each 128 years." But the framers of the Gregorian calendar apparently thought the rule adopted by them, that of dropping a leap year at the end of each of three centuries out of four, would be more easy to remember. It amounts, of course, to dropping three leap years in 400 years, whereas, strictly speaking, a third should be dropped at the end of 384 years and a fourth not till after 512 years. Our present author's main point is the advantage of adhering to this more accurate cycle of 128 years. He has formed tables to facilitate the use of this, and also for finding the days of the week corresponding to the days of the year in this system, an essential part of which is to transfer the intercalary day in leap year from the end of February to the end of the year. It should be remarked that he is a little loose in his language when he says that in the Gregorian calendar "the day of the month is made to fall on the wrong day of the week"; this, being interpreted, means that some trouble is necessary in keeping up the correspondence at long intervals. During three hundred years (or between two droppings of a leap year) there is no difficulty at all in the Gregorian calendar, as a cycle of twenty-eight years will make every day of the week correspond to the same day of the year. Mr. Griffith also desires to reckon the years backwards and forwards from the true era of the birth of Christ, instead of that which has been used from the beginning of that mode of reckoning chronology, which is now, from its use in so many centuries of history, impossible to displace. And in his tables he also assigns a column to the year of the world according to the old Usher chronology, only altering the date of the Creation by 4, in accordance with what he believes to be the true Christian era.

Time and Tide: a Romance of the Moon. By Sir Robert S. Ball, F.R.S. (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.)—We are not surprised that a second edition of this little work has been so soon called for. It consists of the substance of two lectures on the theory of tidal evolution, which were delivered at the London Institution in the month of November, 1888, and well sustains the reputation which the author has so deservedly acquired for clearness of exposition in scientific matters. A popular account of the results achieved in this comparatively new department of astronomy was a desideratum which Sir Robert Ball has admirably supplied. To use his own words:—

"The tidal ripples murmur a secret, but not for every ear. To interpret that secret fully, the hearer must be a mathematician. Even then the interpretation can only be won after the profoundest efforts of thought and attention, but at last the language has been made intelligible. The labour has been gloriously rewarded, and an interesting chapter of our earth's history has for the first time been written."

And a summary of that chapter is here placed before an intelligent reader in language he will have no difficulty in understanding.

Observational Astronomy. By Arthur Mee, F.R.A.S. (Cardiff, Owen & Co.)—This interesting little work will be found very useful for young amateurs in the science, much information being communicated hitherto only to be found in periodicals. It may, in fact, be considered as supplementary to other works, and, read in connexion with a good elementary text-book, will answer the purpose of forming a good stepping-stone to a practical acquaintance with the scenery of the heavens, in which an increasing interest is now felt. Conciseness and accuracy have been studied in its composition, and the number, not to say profuseness, of the illustrations adds greatly to the utility of a little volume to which we wish the success it well deserves. At the end, besides a brief memoir of the late Prebendary Webb (author of that

sine qua non to all amateurs in astronomy, 'Celestial Objects for Common Telescopes'), is an appendix on some special points which could not well be brought into the general body of the work.

#### GEOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

M. Delcommune has happily reached Stanley Pool, having successfully completed the exploratory work, notwithstanding the revolt of the Arabs. He left Lake Tanganyika on October 15th, traced the Lukuga to Lake Lanji, crossed that lake, and ultimately reached the Lusambo post on the Upper Sankuru, and there joined the remains of Capt. Bia's party. Capt. Bia himself had died at Katanga, but one of his officers, Lieut. Franqui, succeeded in reaching Chitambo's old village to the south of Lake Bangweolo, where Dr. Livingstone died, and placed a commemorative tablet, sent out by Mr. Alex. L. Bruce, upon the tomb of the explorer.

A valuable series of meteorological observations published in the Mittheilungen aus den Deutschen Schutzgebieten shows that even inland stations of tropical Africa at a considerable altitude above the level of the sea do not enjoy a climate suitable for the permanent settlement of European colonists. At Baliburg, 180 miles from the Camarons river and at an altitude of 4,400 feet, the mean annual temperature is 65° F.; but the difference between the coldest and warmest month only amounts to 3° F., whilst the diurnal range reaches 20° F. The relative humidity is 90 per cent. (that of the driest month being 80 per cent.), whilst 114 inches of rain fell in 238 days.

Dr. G. Schott has reported to the Berlin Geographical Society on a voyage to Japan and back, which the generosity of Messrs. Rickmers, of Bremen, enabled him to perform on board their vessels. Dr. Schott was absent from Bremen a full year. His scientific observations extended to ocean currents and waves, the density of sea-water, meteorology, and the oceanic distribution of animal life. We have no doubt that British shipowners would afford similar opportunities to scientific observers desirous of increasing our knowledge of the ocean world. The Antarctic expedition, reported to be homeward bound, is an instance of this

Of the new edition of Messrs. W. & A. K. Johnston's Royal Atlas of Modern Geography thirty-four maps, out of a total of fifty-six, have now been published. The maps, as far as we can judge, have been carefully brought up to date; and if the system of spelling laid down by the Royal Geographical Society has not been adhered to in some instances, as in the case of China, this is almost unavoidable in an elaborate work of this kind. The hills are shown in sufficient detail for general purposes, but the insertion of a larger number of altitudes would undoubtedly prove welcome. The map of Australia, for instance, contains not a single altitude. Upon the whole this is still the best English atlas of its size published.

EDr. R. Kiepert's Deutscher Kolonial-Atlas is a work of the highest merit. It includes maps of the German possessions in Western, South-Western, and Eastern Africa, as also a map of the world, showing the seats of German consuls and the tracks followed by German mail steamers. The scale adopted for the maps is 1:3,000,000, but there are numerous insets on a larger scale. Each map is accompanied by an index and explanatory notes, from which we learn that much unpublished material has been utilized in the compilation of this work. Special care has been given to the spelling of the

The Mittheilungen of the Vienna Geographical Society publishes a summary of the labours carried on during 1890-2 by the Pola in the eastern half of the Mediterranean. The greatest depth sounded was 2,606 fathoms, to the south-

west of Cape Matapan. This is 380 fathoms in excess of the "Washington Deep," further to the west. The density of the sea-water was found to vary between 1'0300 and 1'1290 (reduced to a temperature of 63'.5 F.). It is greatest in the eastern basin, and whilst there the density is greatest on the surface, the reverse is the case in the central basin—at all events during the summer months.

The Commissão de Cartographia of Lisbon sends us a new Carta de Angola, 1892, drawn by L. Couceiro on a scale of 1:3,000,000, which shows the political divisions, the Portuguese forts and stations, including those quite recently established in the interior, and the railways. The hills are printed in brown.

#### SOCIETIES.

ROYAL.—March 16.—This meeting was held in the theatre of the London University.—Lord Kelvin, President, in the chair.—Prof. R. Virchow was admitted as a Foreign Member into the Society, and delivered the Croonian Lecture, 'On the Position of Pathology among the Biological Studies.'

Society of Antiquaries,—March 9.—Mr. A. W. Franks, President, in the chair.—The following gentlemen were elected Fellows: Messrs. H. Wood, A. T. Martin, H. A. Harben, F. W. Pixley, and E. Letchworth.—Mr. Rotton exhibited an early example of a covered silver porringer with the London hall-marks for 1657-8.—Mr. Blair communicated a Roman inscription lately found at South Shields.—Mr. Rathbone, through the President, exhibited four maces and a sword, forming part of the civic insignia of Liverpool.—Mr. R. C. Hope exhibited a number of antiquities from the Scarborough Museum.—The Hon. Alicia T. Amherst, through Lord Amherst of Hackney, communicated a paper on a curious fifteenth century treatise in verse, entitled 'The Feate of Gardenyng by Mayster Jon Gardyner.'

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March 16.—Mr. A. W. Franks, President, in the chair.—Mr. E. Letchworth was admitted a Fellow; Messrs. G. W. Fraser and J. Horsfall were elected Fellows.—Bishop Virtue exhibited a fine basin of Limoges enamel with the head of St. John Baptist, an Elizabethan communion cup, and a fine specimen of seventeenth century binding.—Prof. Hughes read a paper 'On the Camp at Ardoch, Perthshire,' which he showed was a curious instance of a rectangular British camp, adapted by the Romans, who threw up an inner line of defence within the earlier earthworks.—Mr. T. Ely read a paper giving examples from classical and other writings of the use of the shield as a weapon of offence as well as defence.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF LITERATURE.—March 15.— Dr. Phené, V.P., in the chair.—A lecture 'On Miracle Plays and Mysteries' was delivered by Mr. R. B. Holt. This is the third lecture of the series now being given by the Council of the Society.—Major Heales, Messrs. E. Maitland and P. H. Newland, and the Secretary joined in the discussion which followed the lecture.

British Aech & Ological Association.—March 15.—Mr. C. H. Compton in the chair.—A paper was read by Dr. Phene 'On Golden Apples.' Nearly twenty years ago the author visited various localities in which legends of a python were associated with golden apples, to elucidate, if possible, these myths. He succeeded in finding curious varieties of original forms of pomaceous fruits, not indigenous to the localities, but of Oriental origin. These he made known, and as the botanical evidence pointed to Persia, and the traditions to India, he determined to prosecute his inquiries in the East. In the result he obtained information in which the pear-shaped fruit of Rama was found to be the same in form and indentation with the objects held by the priests of Asshur, and on the apple-like espalier-formed trees of Nineveh. He produced examples by photographs of this shaped fruit being offered to the Hindu elities, of their eating it, of its form on the thyrsus, on the altars at Pompeii, &c. The tree was also traced through geographical and historical writers to Western Europe, and to the localities of the classical myths.

Numismatic.—March 16.—Mr. H. Montagu, V.P., in the chair.—The Ven. G. C. Hilbers, Prof. A. S. Napier, and Mr. E. A. Elliott were elected Members.—Mr. L. A. Lawrence exhibited a selection of anglo-Saxon sceattas bearing Runic legends.—Mr. H. F. Amedroz brought for exhibition four silver coins of the Ayyubi dynasty, believed by him to be unpublished. They were struck between A.H. 640 and 650. He also showed an Othmanli gold piece

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of Selim II., struck at Algiers in A.H. 974.—Lord Grantley exhibited a 100-franc piece, struck at the Paris mint by Albert I., Prince of Monaco, and two coins of President Kruger of the South African Bepublic.—Mr. Mackerell laid upon the table some patterns for English sovereigns engraved by M. Ch. Wiener about thirty years ago.—Mr. E. J. Rapson read a paper 'On the Earliest Currencies of Northern India.' He pointed out that Sir A. Cunningham's recent work 'The Coins of Ancient India' supplies an amount of new information of great importance for the scientific classification of these coins. They fall naturally into two main divisions—pre-Greek and post-Greek. The indigenous præ-Greek coinage must have been firmly established for some considerable time. Its influence was sufficiently strong to modify the subsequent Greek coinages of the Kabul Valley and Northern India in two important respects—shape and weight-standard. On the other Kabul Valley and Northern India in two important respects—shape and weight-standard. On the other hand, coin-types as distinguished from punch-marks were very probably borrowed from the Greeks. There seems to be no reason for dating any Indian coin bearing a type before Alexander's conquest, though undoubtedly a square coinage of some description did exist before that time. With regard to the earlier post-Greek native coinages, Mr. Rapson showed that the signs of Greek influence in them offen analysed us to determine their observes. Rapson showed that the signs of Greek influence in them offen enabled us to determine their chronological sequence. Relying to a great extent on arguments derived from this source, he suggested a chronological arrangement of the coinages of Taxila, Mashura, and other native states.—Sir J. Evans communicated a paper on a recent find of coins at Nesbö, in Norway, compiled from a full record of the discovery drawn up by Mr. G. Gustafson, the Keeper of the Archeological Museum at Bergen. The hoard consisted of 267 Anglo-Saxon, 12 Russian, and 2 Cufic coins. The 119 German, I Russian, and 2 Cufic coins. The most remarkable among the English coins was a penny of Æthelred II., struck at Derby, having on penny of Asherred II., struck at Derby, naving on its obverse the Agnus Dei, and on the reverse the Holy Dove. Of this extremely rare type only about eight specimens are known, all of which (with possibly one exception) were found on the Continent.

LINNEAN.—March 16.—Prof. Stewart, President in the chair.—The Rev. J. Bufton, Messrs. R. T. Baker, J. Taylor, and W. H. Wilkinson were elected Fellows; Mr. F. W. Moore was elected an Associate; and Mr. W. G. Ridewood was admitted.—A curious and Mr. W. G. Bidewood was admitted.—A curious freshwater alga, growing in a perfectly spherical mass without any visible point of attachment, and described as an eggapropilous condition of Cladophora, was exhibited by Mr. A. W. Bennett, who stated that specimens had been found in English and Welsh lakes as well as in Sweden, and that the peculiar spherical form of growth was difficult to explain.—Mr. G. R. Murray suggested that it might be due to the action of a current, which would cause a continuous revolution of the mass.—Mr. R. I. Poccok exhibited a singular nest so called of a be due to the action of a current, which would cause a continuous revolution of the mass.—Mr. R. I. Pocock exhibited a singular nest, so called, of a myriopod received from Sierra Leone, and formed of a clayey earth which had become hardened by exposure. It was suggested that it was not a nest in the proper sense of the word, formed by the creature itself, but rather a case fashioned by ants for the purpose of entombing their enemy.—Mr. G. F. Scott Elliott gave an interesting account of the botanical results of the Sierra Leone Boundary Commission, and of the collections made by him during five months' travelling.—His remarks were criticized by Messrs. J. G. Baker, C. B. Clarke, and W. Carruthers, and by Dr. Stapf, who was present as a visitor.—Mr. J. H. Vanstone described some points in the anatomy of a mollusc (Melongena), from recent dissections made by him, and exhibited several preparations in support of his statements.—Prof. G. B. Howes bore testimony to the originality and value of the observations, which in some respects were at variance with the views of the most recent writers on the subject.—Messrs. G. R. Murray and H. Monckton offered some remarks on the similarity in certain respects of the fauna and days of the west cost of Arise and these of the the similarity in certain respects of the fauna and flora of the west coast of Africa and those of the east coast of South America, with reference to the statements made by Mr. Pocock and Mr. Scott

Zoological.—March 14.—Sir W. H. Flower, President, in the chair.—The Secretary's report on the additions to the menagerie during February called attention to two terrapins procured on Okinawa Shima, or Great Loochoo Island, by Mr. P. A. Holst. Mr. Boulenger had determined these tortoises as being Spengler's terrapin (Nicoria spengleri)—Mr. O. Thomas exhibited and made remarks on a rare antelope (Nanotragus livingstonianus) from Northern Zululand,—and Dr. Forsyth-Major on a tooth of Orycteropus from the upper miocene of Maragha, Persia, which he referred to O. gaudryi, of the upper miocene of Samos. Drawings of the remains of the latter were exhibited, as well as a photograph of a femur of a struthious bird from the same deposit in Samos. The habitats of Stru-

thio and Orycteropus were thus shown to have been essentially identical in past times, as in the present; therefore the general conclusions to be drawn from their geographical distribution would apply equally to both.—Mr. O. Thomas made some suggestions for the more definite use of the word "type" and to both.—Mr. U. Thomas made some suggestions for the more definite use of the word "type" and its compounds, as denoting specimens of a greater or less degree of authenticity.—Mr. P. L. Sclater pointed out the characters of a new African monkey of the genus Certophitheous, and took the opportunity of giving a list of the species of this genus known to him, altegether thirty-one in number, together with remarks on their exact localities.—Papers were read by Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell on Odontaster and the allied and synonymous genera of the Asteroidea,—and by Mr. A. D. Michael on a new species (and genus) of Acarus found in Cornwall. This acarus, which it was proposed to call Lentungula algivorans, was found in some quantity on a green alga (Cladophora fracta) near the Land's End. It was a minute creature belonging to the family Tyroglyphide, the remarkable feature about it being that, whereas the two hind pairs of legs were terminated by a hard and powerful single claw (which claw sprang from the end of the tarsus, the two front pairs had the tarsus itself hardened and curved strongly downward, forming clinging and walking organs; while from the side of the and curved strongly downward, forming clinging and walking organs; while from the side of the tarsus sprang a long pedunole, flexible in all direc-tions at the will of the creature, and bearing an exceedingly minute claw. This apparatus was not used in climbing, but had become wholly tactile. used in climbing, but had become wholly tactile. Such an arrangement was previously unknown in the Acarina.—Prof. Howes described some abnormal vertebræ of certain Ranidæ (Rana catesbiana, R. esculenta, and R. macrodon), in which the so-called "atlas" possessed tranverse processes and transatlantal nerves. Prof. Howes discussed the bearings of these specimens on the morphology of the parts, deducing the argument that the first vertebra of the Amphibia is probably to be regarded as a representative of at least two vertebræ, of which the formative blastema has become merged in the occiput in the Amniota. The author also described a stage in the development of the urostyle of Peloa stage in the development of the unostyle of Pelo-bates, and showed that in this batrachian there is a provisional inversion in the order of development a provisional inversion in the order of development of the parts of the urostyle and preoccygeal vertebræ. He also described a reduced hind limb of Salamandra maculosa, in which the reduction and fusion of the parts remaining realized the condition normal for the urodele limb with numerically reduced digits.

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HISTORICAL:—March 16,—Mr. O. Browning, V.P., in the chair.—Sir G. Grey was elected a Life Fellow under Rule 13; Mr. A. Montefiori was elected a Fellow.—Dr. Emil Reich read a paper 'On the History of the Magyar County: a Study in the Comparative History of Institutions.' Dr. Reich drew a parallel between the territorial development of Hungary and Prussia as illustrating the classification of states into national, territorial, and city states. The division of Hungary into counties was contemporary with the establishment of the kingdom itself, the chief officials of the Magyar county from the close of the thirteenth century being the föispán (lord lieutenant), alispán (sheriff), and szolgabiró (justice of the peace). The self-government of the Hungarian county was more rully developed than in England, but the preponderance of the national assembly (Parliament) was by no means so considerable. Dr. Reich also referred to the county systems of other national states, such as Poland, Servia, Bohemia, &c. The Magyar county and its strong development were, in Dr. Reich's opinion, the chief safeguard of the Hungarian kingdom.—A long discussion followed the paper, on the question of the historical analogy of the Hungarian and English county systems, in which Dr. Duka, Prof. Cunningham, Mr. G. H. Blakesley, Mr. J. F. Palmer, and the Director took of the Hungarian and English county systems, in which Dr. Duka, Prof. Cunningham, Mr. G. H. Blakesley, Mr. J. F. Palmer, and the Director took

ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE. — March 21. — Prof. A. Macalister, President, in the chair.—The election of Mr. C. J. Longman was announced.—Dr. Tylor exhibited a collection of the rude stone implements of the Tasmanians, showing them belong to the palsolithic or unground stage of the implement - maker's art, below that found among prehistoric tribes of the mammoth period of Europe, and being, on the whole, the lowest known in the and being, on the whole, the lowest known in the world. Fragments or rough flakes of chert or mudstone never edged by grinding, but only by chipping on one surface with another stone, and grasped in the hand without any handle, served the simple purposes of notching trees for climbing, cutting up game, and scraping spears and clubs. The Tasmanians appear to have kept up this rudimentary art in their remote corner of the world until the present century, and their state of civilization thus becomes a guide by which to judge of that of the prehistoric drift and cave men, whose life in Eng-

land and France depended on similar though better implements. The Tasmanians, though perhaps in arts the rudest of savages, were at most only a stage arts the rudest of savages, were at most only a stage below other savages, and do not disclose any depths of brutality. The usual moral and social rules prevailed among them, their language was efficient and even copious, they had a well-marked religion in which the spirits of ancestors were looked to for help in trouble, and the echo was called the "talking shadow." Such facts make it clear that neither antiquity nor savagery reaches to really primitive stages of human life, which belong to a remoter past.—A paper, by Prof. Politis, 'On Burial Customs in Modern Greece' was read,—also a paper 'On the Cave Paintings of Australia,' by the Rev. J. Mathew.

STATISTICAL.—March 21.—A paper was read by Mr. S. Bourne 'On Progress of the External Trade of the United Kingdom in Recent Years.'

ARISTOTELIAN.—March 20.—Mr. E. H. Rhodes in the chair.—Mr. S. H. Hodgson read a paper 'On Time-Measurement in its Bearing on Philosophy. There is a certain circumstance attending the initial determination of a unit of time-measurement which There is a certain circumstance attending the initial determination of a unit of time-measurement which marks the boundary between physical science and philosophy, both being considered as analytical modes of knowledge. The circumstance intended is that equal times successive to one another cannot in the first instance be known as equal, unless they are taken in the concrete, as durations of motions in physical substances. This fact makes it evident that the thought-machinery by which science move begins with the assumption of physical bodies as ultimate data, whereas philosophy, which is the analysis of knowledge as such, has both these data and physical science itself among its analysanda. The same is true, nutatis mutandis, of the relation between philosophy and pure mathematic, which deals with the abstract relations of space, time, and number-relations which are abstracted from concrete experience, and the ascertainment of which, so far as it involves measurement, is dependent on the comparison of physical changes. Perception of the world of concrete physical objects is the first thing historically, but not analytically, in all branches of knowledge. Analytically philosophy searches further into the elements of experience than any branch of science, not excepting pure mathematic. The philosophical distinctions (1) between history and analysis of knowledge, (2) between consciousness apprehended as a knowing, together furnish the only key to the relations between philosophy and science.—The paper was followed by a discussion. by a discussion.

#### MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

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Institute of Actuaries, 7.—'Life Interests and Reversions, Mr.

N. Paterson.

Institute of British Architects, 8.
Chemical, 8.—Annual Meeting; President's Address.
Geographical, 8.—'Do Bicciere Excavate?' Prof. T. G. Bonney.
Civil Engineers, 8.—'The Pier Foundations of the Tower
Bridge, Mr. G. E. W. Cruttwell.

Lepidoptern Heterocers,
chiefly from Central and South America.' Mr. H. Druce;
'Brain of the African Elophant,' Mr. F. E. Beddard,' Correct
Scientific Name of a Himalayan Cuckoo, Dr. W. T. Blanford.
Riopalocera. Col. U. Swinhoe; 'New Chilian Lepidoptera,'
Mr. W. Bartlett-Culvert.

## Science Cossin.

WE are glad to learn that we made a mistake last week in ascribing to the Royal Agricultural Society an intention to transfer its offices from Hanover Square to the Imperial Institute. There were, square to the Imperial Institute. There were, as we mentioned about a year ago, some negotiations with this object, but the Society unhesitatingly preferred its present situation to South Kensington. So far, indeed, is the Society from migrating that it has recently purchased from Lord Harewood his town house and stabiling west death of the stabiling west described. and stabling, next door to its present quarters at 12, Hanover Square, and is now engaged in raising funds for the erection thereon of blocks of offices, committee rooms, and other conveniences for the accommodation of itself and the numerous kindred agricultural organizations that have heretofore been scattered over different parts of London.

As this year is the centenary of the death of John Hunter, it has been decided to organize an exhibition of pictures, MSS., books, furniture, &c., connected with the great surgeon. In addition to the articles which are the property of the College of Surgeons, the exhibition will include other relics, the loan of which has been kindly promised by the present possessors.

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give further information to any owner of Hunterian relies who may be willing to lend them. The exhibition will be in connexion with the conversazione to be held at the College on July 5th to celebrate the jubilee of the Fellowship of the College.

THE preliminary lecture of the series on the Egyptian language by Mr. Renouf was delivered on Wednesday, the 15th, at the rooms of the Society of Biblical Archæology. The lectures will be continued each week for some months.

The death is announced of Prof. Prantl, of Breslau, whose "Lehrbuch" of botany is familiar to British students in Dr. Vines's translation.

Messes. Whittaker & Co. will issue in their "Specialists' Series" a work on 'The Dynamo,' by Mr. C. C. Hawkins and Mr. F. Wallis, and a new edition of Sir David Salomons's work on 'The Management of Accumulators,'—in the "Library of Popular Science" an introductory work on 'Electricity and Magnetism,' by Mr. S. Bottone, and one on 'Geology,' by Mr. Jukes Browne,—also the second part of Mr. W. Perren Maycock's work on 'Electric Lighting and Power Distribution,'—an illustrated volume on 'British Locomotives,' by Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke,—'The Principles of Fitting,' by Mr. J. Horner ("A Foreman Pattern-maker"),—and the second part of Mr. Brodie's 'Dissections Illustrated.'

#### FINE ARTS

#### ELEMENTARY MANUALS.

The Ornamental Draughtsman and Designer. By R. S. Burn. Illustrated. (Ward, Lock & Co.)—This seems to be a sort of supplement to many similar books devoted to drawing and the construction of decorative examples upon artistic principles. It is some forty years since Mr. Robert Scott Burn began to insist on the advantages of technical education in the designing and construction of minor architectural works in wood and stone combined with glass and The principles which he developed in his various publications find compact expression in 'The Ornamental Draughtsman and Designer.' It is as practical as a book can be, and uncompromisingly exact and careful. He agrees with us in condemning the use of charcoal by beginners in draughtsmanship, which a considerable authority advocated as "compelconsiderable authority advocated as "compelling the draughtsman to a light and free touch," for what is wanted is an exact and firm touch, which can only be acquired by long practice of hand and the habit of close observation. By these means, says Mr. Burn—and we are at one with him—let the light and free touch be acquired. It is the end of draughtsmanship, not the process of its attainment. In the same way our author recommends to the student Mr. Ruskin's advice about the use of pen and ink in drawing; it is, indeed, surprising what exactitude and precision may be obtained with them, but long preliminary practice must precede these attainments. Mr. Burn recommends the blacklead pencil for tentative draughtsmanship, a recommendation in which every teacher will agree; but, from rudimentary training in that unflinchingly exact manner upon which he insists upon every page, he soon passes on to the much greater advantages of using chalks for drawing, and gives counsel as to the qualities of the various chalks and the modes of preparing them for use. He is, however, behind his time in deploring the inequalities and imperfections of modern French chalks. These were merely defects of manufacture, due to the incomplete grinding and washing of the material, and are hardly ever heard of nowadays; Conté crayons being, in our experience, always equally free from grit, brittle-ness, and changes of hardness to softness, or vice versa. Mr. Burn says nothing of the use

of Italian chalk, a very excellent material, and, in many cases, preferable to the harsher and less adaptable French chalks. His instructions anent the representation of shadows are decidedly good, and, so far as they go, to the point; but he says nothing about the importance to the draughtsman of keeping the chalk rotating in his hand while he uses it, thus making it sharpen itself, and, to a great extent, obviating the cutting from time to time of new points. The examples of shading now before us are weak and insufficient. Mr. Burn speaks of cartridge paper as fit to draw upon, but he does not tell us where to obtain the right kind. He has much to say about the rudimentary principles of decoration. He insists upon suitability of decoration, for example, in the case of boats; and, founding his illustrations of the greater laws of decorative design upon them and the contours of vases, he dilates upon the fact that decorations must always develope themselves from the forms decorated, and, being consistent with them, thus attain harmony and add to their gracefulness and intelligibility. So often have these principles been enforced that it is wonderful they are not so thoroughly understood that to sin against them should seem impossible to intelligent creatures. Nevertheless nothing is more common than such sins, whether in regard to the shapes of the gables in the so-called "Queen Anne" style, or to the small things of the table, such as spoons, or the patterns of wall-papers and carpets. Mr. Burn is less happy in his instructions as to "colour"—or the use of harmonized pigments, the primary and complementary colours-than in regard to the simpler modes of delineation. He labours under the difficulty of having to give instructions in colouring without tinted diagrams. We cannot commend the colourless diagrams this book contains; they are, generally speaking, tame, rather coarsely executed, and so old-fashioned that they might have been used by our fathers and mothers when they went to the "academies" of the last generation. An old-fashioned strain pervades the work, in fact, and yet it is so sound and useful that we prefer to praise it.

Oil Painting on Glass, including Mirrors, Windows, &c. By T. J. Gullick. (Winsor & Newton.)—As we differ entirely from Mr. Gullick as to the desirability of painting on glass, especially on mirrors, which we consider an abomination, we cannot recommend his book or his criticisms. Originating in Italy in the worst period of the seventeenth century, the process of painting on glass in a pictorial, as distinct from a decorative manner, which Mr. Gullick advocates, presents no advantages not obtainable by painting on canvas. Mr. Gullick wishes us to paint on the front or nearer side of the glass—whether it is a mirror or not does not affect the question - and not in the way which about a century since was popular for genre pictures. Mr. Gullick tries to get over the objection many of us would urge to his favourite method, that when seen otherwise than directly in front, reflections of the back of its edges would be discoverable on the silvered side of the glass. He expects us to get used to this, and thinks that "to the majority of non-professional persons these reflections afford a naive pleasure." Such being the case, perhaps we pleasure." Such being the case, perhaps we had better leave Mr. Gullick to the non-professional persons in question.

The Use and Abuse of Colours and Mediums in Oil Painting. By H. C. Standage. (Reeves & Sons.)—There is, as was to be expected when so competent a chemist and colour-maker as Mr. Standage took it upon himself to write, a good deal of useful information in this book. It is a pity, however, that the author seems to take it for granted that the painters whom he addresses are totally ignorant of the nature, qualities, and relative permanency of at least the majority of the pigments and vehicles

in question. If painters were so abjectly ignorant, Mr. Standage's little book, simple and compact though it be, would be out of their reach altogether. Apart from this we think Mr. Standage succeeds in, as he calls it, "exploding" the prevalent fallacy that the old masters had better prepared and purer pigments than are now attainable. He thinks that it was the "technique," by which he means the artist's mode of using the materials, that the artist's mode of using the materials, that ensured for them practical permanence or certain deterioration and decay. Our own experience confirms this. Besides, we know two painters who, forty years ago, worked side by side, used the same pigments and vehicles, all bought at Roberson's, in Long Acre, while both excelled in the brilliancy and vigour of their methods. The pictures of one of these men have faded, cracked, and changed in The pictures of one of many ways. On the other hand, the works of his companion, painted under almost identical conditions, remain intact, and have lost none of their charms. An interesting, not to say edifying, section of this volume describes the palettes of Etty (but imperfectly, we think, in mitting to mention his using zinc white),
Mr. G. A. Storey, Mr. H. W. B. Davis,
Sir F. Leighton, Mr. Vicat Cole, Mr.
J. C. Hook, and others. The criticisms on these palettes are necessarily incomplete, insomuch as Mr. Standage does not tell us what vehicles each of the painters adopts. His remarks on the fallacies of certain palettes are valuable, and ought to startle the clients of some of the artists into stipulating, for example, and one of them should never use emerald green, while another should abjure bitumen, a third while and so on. We are renounce Antwerp blue, and so on. We are forced, by the instances Mr. Standage gives, to conclude that the worse the painter the better his palette, so that there is little hope of his works being improved by Time. Mr. Standage deplores the blunders of modern painters who use for their canvases grounds which comprise white lead and litharge. He recommends Venetian grounds, consisting of calcined sheep's trotters (i.e. pure lime) and glue or fish size. The miniaturists of the Middle Ages employed, it may be added, calcined egg-shells and parchment size, or a similar binder, and their grounds remain pure and flexible although five hundred years have passed. Mr. Standage condemns turpentine as a vehicle, because it leaves a pellicle of resin, yet this defect is much diminished by careful preparation of the spirit. He does not tell us what he thinks of Titian's practice of exposing his newly painted pictures to the intense heat of the sun. Is it possible that anybody uses petroleum for a vehicle?

Mr. W. E. Degerdon, the compiler of The Grammar of Wood-Work (Macmillan & Co.), holds an appointment in a "craft school," and, such being the case, it was to be expected that he would promptly write a book upon the system it is his business to inculcate. The number of elementary productions of this kind is so enormous, the difference between them so slight, and the matter which forms their staple so dull and trivial, that we wonder why publishers continue to issue them. The ambition of the writer before us is manifest, and he describes his pupils in elementary wood cutting as "students." So far as it goes Mr. Degerdon's book is carefully written, but no book can teach like a teacher.

Moffatt's Drawing Copies. New Schedules, Nos. I to 6. Adopted by the London School Board. (Moffatt & Paige.) — These are graduated copies intended for instructing children in the rudiments of drawing. There is nothing better than usual in them, and they are rather coarsely and heavily, though not badly, drawn. The examples in perspective are, perhaps, the best, though how the children can be expected to execute such examples without oral instruction does not appear, while, if

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The Gentlewoman's Book of Art Needlework.
By E. T. Masters. Illustrated. (Henry & Co.)
—Miss Masters, while deprecating an intention to write a history of needlework, begins at the beginning, and, in defiance of the book of Genesis, declares that the earliest needlework consisted in "sewing together the skins of animals captured in the chase." She is equally daring in telling us that "even the people of England had obtained their reputation for stitching long before the existence of a steel needle." Trusting that her information on practical matters was better worth having than her archæology, and being a little incredulous as to her story of silk being introduced into the south of Europe "through the conquests of Alexander the Great in India "-which is mentioned as if it were in another planet - we turned to the more practical section of this neatly printed little book in hopes of finding, if not something new, at least what would justify its publication and the ambition of the We discovered a good deal which is, to say the least of it, vague—for instance, an account (p. 18) of certain ancient Egyptian needlework (whether it was embroidery not we are left to guess) of which the lady tells us that it dates "from between the first to the ninth centuries, and therefore covers a considerable period," a statement which, as the period is not named of B.C. or A.D., is no period is not named or B.C. of all, doubt, whatever the chronology of the needle-work may be strictly true. We got as far work may be, strictly true. We got as far as chap. iii., "On the Embroidery of the Victorian Age," and settled ourselves to be instructed by a thoroughly practised expert in the reddlement. art needlework. We were disappointed, for, except indications of the doings of certain firms and schools where needlework is practised in a strict combination of the craft and commerce, and criticism which, though trivial, is not in bad taste, but rather the contrary, we found nothing of value or fresh, unless it be the tart counsel, "When women shall have forced their way into all the masculine professions, then will be the time for men to take up their neglected needles." There is, though nothing new, some sense in the advice of chap. v. to study old embroidery in pictures, such as the Crivellis in the National Gallery; yet, even in respect to these, the lady acts the part of a mere cicerone, rather than that of the critic, artist, or antiquary. We are not much better off when chap. vi., on "Embroidery in Literature," is reached, at the outset of which we trip over curious pieces of archæology about the hundred bees of King Chilperic, and Pepys, who is called a man milliner. Need we say that this instalment of "The Victoria Library for Gentlewomen" disappointing?

PICTURES AND SCULPTURES FOR THE ACADEMY.

SIR JOHN MILLAIS will be represented at the Academy by a life-size standing portrait, three-quarters length, of Mr. John Hare. He is supposed to be reading to the company of his theatre, assembled in the green-room, the book of 'A Pair of Spectacles.' Holding the volume in his left hand, he has placed his right hand behind him, while, looking at us, he is in the act of speaking one of the parts. It would be hard to overpraise the animation and verisimilitude of this capital portrait, which, painted with a free and firm touch, is admirably modelled and drawn, the flesh being first rate. Along with this portrait will be exhibited two charming genre figures of children of contrasting characters and differently treated. One of these is called 'Merry,' and deserves the name, because the artist has fully succeeded in the rare feat of imparting to the face of his subject, a pretty girl with curling hair clustering closely about her rosy face, a completely spon-

taneous and natural smile which appears in every feature. There is not the least trace of self-consciousness: her delight seems to be caused by the glad spirit within. She brims over with pleasure as she looks at us. In one hand she holds a plate, on the edge of which a tame has alighted and sings with all canary The child's red bodice makes capital colour with her white frock, brown hair, and fresh carnations. The other child-picture is entitled 'Pensive.' A dark brunette in a vellow and warm-white muslin dress stands in profile to our right. In her left hand she holds a flower of the purple clematis, the colour of which is an essential element of the picture and admirably managed. The greatest charm of the work lies in the subtle rendering of the meditative expression of the child's face, which indicates her dreamy, but not sad, character. The dark hair and eyes, the ruddy colour under the rich brownness of the complexion, and the fulness of the features are those of a Spanish model. The sentiment of these pictures is, of course, their chief attraction; yet, technically speaking, the flesh-painting is in both cases extremely noteworthy. In rendering subtleties of expression Sir John is really at his best. Hasty and ungrateful critics gibe at what they are pleased to call his pot-boilers, but while with an exquisite touch and keen perception he gives life and solidity to things so delicate and subtle as the expressions of these children, it is really of very little consequence whether or not the surface of one of his pictures be such as his critics approve of. The real question is what, and how much, thought and skill are to be recognized in his works. In the introduction to 'Middlemarch' the Academician found the hint on which he based the largest of his contributions of the year, his single subject picture proper, which is called 'An Incident in the Life of St. Theresa.' When a girl, the saint, moved by religious enthusiasm, and covetous of martyrdom among the Moors, took her little brother by the hand, and set out from her home at Avila in order to testify to her faith by meeting death at paynim hands. The children are seen crossing the drawbridge just after sunrise and while only the loftiest towers of Avila are gilded; the sky is full of light, but the bases of the towers and the bridges remain in cool grey shadow. The figures wear Spanish costumes of the sixteenth century (the saint was born in 1515), that of the girl being a black velvet cloak, with large shoulder pads and reaching to her heels, over a crimson velvet gown stiffened with gold embroidery; her cap of bright rich green is adorned with a band of jewels and a red feather. The dress of the boy is black, and comprises trunk hose, a close-fitting jerkin, and a black cap. The interest of the picture is concentrated in the girl's brooding and dreamy face, instinct as it is with moody passion in the dark, down-looking eyes, the childish but set lips, and her look of resolution. There is energy of the right sort in the way in which she holds the hand of the little boy, who, confiding in his sister, goes willingly with her, but is, present, much occupied with the orange in his disengaged hand. His air, gait, and expression are extremely natural and simple.

Mr. Hook, who usually sends four pictures to the Academy, is this year content with two, but one of these, being more than six feet in length, is of greater importance than ordinary. It is a landscape pure and simple, called 'Spring Sowing,' and has for its motto the famous verse in Gray's 'Elegy ':-

Let not ambition mock their useful toil, Their homely joys, and destiny obscure; Nor grandeur hear with a disdainful smile The short and simple annals of the poor.

In the centre of this large canvas is a shallow valley extending to the horizon, which opens to a wide sandy landscape, and it is enriched with cultivated fields and barred by heath and furze and dark shaws, athwart which is flying a gleam of pale gold brighter than the spring daylight that pervades the scene. Across the

silvery blue of the firmament long filmy lines and denser clouds are drawn in masses, that are dashed with warmer white and rosy tinges. The spaciousness of the view thus depicted is noble, true to nature, and sure to tell in the Academy. In the mid-distance stands a cottage the red roof and white walls of which contrast strongly with the dark green of the yew trees growing near them, and the tawny thatch of the outbuildings. From these a winding road leads the eye to the foreground, and rises between freshly ploughed fields—the purple of which is invaluable in the coloration of the picture—and a stream that, widening to a pool on our right, adds its bronze, silver, and olive to the chromatic scheme of the artist. On the further side of this pool the nearest of the shaws masks the base of one of those large knolls which characterize the south-west of Surrey, where this landscape was painted, and shut in the view Close to the foreground in the middle a team of donkeys have drawn a bush-harrow to the end of the furrows of a newly ploughed field and stopped there, while a boy sitting on the harrow turns his face to listen to the chaff that a buxom girl, the driver of the team, addresses to a strapping young sower, who, with a sowing bucket, or seedlip, as it is called, on his arm, is stooping over a sack of seed at his feet, and, while filling the seedlip, bends his handsome face so as to hide his laughter. This picture owes its charm to the breadth of its lighting, the airiness of the scene, the fine fidelity of the painting of scene, the fine fidelity of the painting of the foliage, the animated figures and faces, and the thorough freshness and vivacity of the girl. Mr. Hook's smaller picture is a coast view, and illustrates the title 'Good Liquor, Duty Free,' which he has given to it. After a violent storm the furious billows still break on the low, sandy shore, where we are supposed to stand, and form lines seemingly irregular, yet really in perfect order, while some of their crests, distinct against the low horizon, leap into the air, and are torn away towards the beach, upon which maze-like films of shining water edged with foam race backwards to the sea, crossing each other as they do so. Half in and half out of the tumbling waves, which have already deluged him from head to foot, a fisherman, whose dark form is invaluable in the picture, is seen vigorously prizing towards us with a boathook a large keg of brandy. He is assisted by a stout Cornish lass, who pulls hard at the rope the man has secured to the cask, while a tall lad is recovering for another cask, while a tall lad is recovering for another cast the anchor, at the landward end of the rope, which will keep the keg from going afloat once more, should the wader be overpowered by the sea. Overhead, masses of grey cloud, opening in one spot, reveal the varied turquoises of the upper air. Mr. Hook has been unusually successful in the excellent figures of this picture, the technical qualities of which are worthy of his fame.

We are glad to learn that there is considerable probability of M. J. L. Gérôme's most powerful and criginal statue of 'Bellone,' shouting her war cry, finding a place in the next Academy Exhibition. Being carved of life size in ivory and coloured bronze, it added much to the reputation of the celebrated painter when it was at the Salon last year. Vigorous as this fine statue is, the student of art will be interested in noticing how very happily it reconciles the apparently irreconcilable motives of Japanese and Greek sculpture. Remembering that M. Gérôme was somewhat hurt by the manner in which his last contribution to the Academy was placed, we have a double reason for wel-coming the 'Bellone' to the Sculpture Gallery in Burlington House. The statue is at present at MM. Boussod, Valadon & Co.'s, Regent Street.

Messrs. Christie, Manson & Woods sold on the 15th inst. the following, from the collec-

tion of the late Mr. H. Wallis. Pictures: R. tion of the late Mr. H. Wallis. Pictures: R. Ansdell, Passing Clouds, 126l. Eugène de Blaas, Wheedling, 126l. L. Deutsch, At School, Cairo, 288l. P. Joanowits, A Favourite Pastime, 110l. B. W. Leader, A View in Surrey, 162l. J. Stark, A Norfolk Landscape, 283l. G. Vincent, The White Cliffs of England, 178l. S. E. Waller, The White Cockade, 141l. Sculpture: Calli Rizzardo, of Milan, Italian Mendicants, 25l.

#### Sine-Art Cossip.

COLLECTORS have been taken by surprise this week by the news of the approaching dispersal of one of the most famous collections of prints and drawings now extant—namely, that formed by the late Mr. R. S. Holford, of Dorchester House. Mr. Holford's collection of Rembrandt etchings in particular, as is well known, is one of the very richest ever formed by a private amateur, and rumour tells of a vast figure offered some time ago to the late owner for its purchase en bloc by Baron E. de Rothschild, of Paris. It contains the great and costly rarities—the first state of the Hundred Guilder rarities—the first state of the Hundred Guilder print, the portrait of Pholinx, the Ephraim Bonus, &c., in impressions of the finest quality and preservation. There is also a collection of the engravings of Marcantonio, almost equally excellent in its way, although the works of this master no longer command the same prices that they formerly did. The drawings of old masters in the collection are not particularly numerous, but they are important in their kind, the examples by Rembrandt, Both, Berchem, Van der Neer, and other Dutch artists being remarkable for scale and finish. According to present arrangements the sale is to be held by Messrs. Christie in May next. We cannot think that Capt. Holford has been well advised in arranging to part with his treasures at a time when the resources of all amateurs and dealers, alike of Great Britain, the Continent, and America, will have been so heavily taxed by the Spitzer Sale, which is fixed to take place in Paris after Easter and to occupy a whole month, and by the Baring Sale at Christie's, but careful or that in his corrects it would but consider that in his own interests it would have been better to withhold the prints and drawings of the Dorchester House Collection until another season.

THE Report of the National Gallery, 1892, has been published, and contains the Director's comments on a recent statement by the present First Commissioner of Works, that a portion of the site of Millbank Prison will be assigned to the War Office in exchange for land now occupied by barracks, which can be made available for the extension of the National Gallery. Sir F. Burton is wise in adding, "Should this exchange be effected, the Trustees and Director suggest" that it would not be necessary to delay building at Trafalgar Square until the barracks have been removed to Millbank. Even after devoting part of the present barrack-yard to the purpose required, a considerable space would still remain available as a temporary drill ground; and in view of the fact that at least two or three years must elapse before the proposed additions to the National Gallery could be ready for occupation, it is hoped operations may be undertaken without delay. Sir F. Burton states that nearly 506,000 persons have visited the gallery on public days during the year, i.e., in 207, equal to an average of 2,443 each day; on students' days nearly 42,000 persons have attended during the same period; the admission fees of sixpence each amounted to 1,048%. 14s., compared with 1,120l. 9s. received in 1891; 16,067 catalogues were sold in 1892. The following sums were given for the more important purchases of the year: for the Vermeer, No. 1383, 2,400l., and for the 'Portraits of Hogarth's Servants,' No. 1374, 162l. 15s.

FIFTY-THREE pictures are now on view at Mr.

McLean's, in the Haymarket. Among them the best are M. Jacquet's 'The Artist's Model'; M. Seiler's Meissonier-like 'Frederick the Great,' on a white charger in a battle-field; M. Duon a white charger in a battle-field; M. Duverger's 'Ride-a-Cock-Horse'; M. Harlamoff's clever 'Gipsy's Daughter'; Mr. P. Graham's 'Moorland and Mist'; M. E. Feyen's fresh, nicely touched, and characteristic 'Cancalaise Fisher-Girls'; M. Vastagli's 'Monarch of the Forest'; Mr. H. Moore's brilliant and richly coloured, but rather too rough, 'Bright, Breezy Morning in the Channel'; Mr. E. Ellis's 'Off the Yorkshire Coast'; and a few less ambitious examples by E. Frère Mr. G. Clausen, M. E. de examples by E. Frère, Mr. G. Clausen, M. E. de Blaas (a work far from being worthy of the artist), and Mr. A. Moore.

MESSRS. H. GRAVES & Co. exhibit at their gallery in Pall Mall a devotional picture by Sir N. Paton, entitled 'De Profundis,' with the

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.
Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.
THE Continental Gallery, 157, New Bond Street, opens on Monday next with a collection of paintings by living French artists; the private view is held to-day (Saturday).

We are afraid that the proposed "restora-tion" of Malling Abbey, Kent, the remains of which have been recently given by Miss Boyd to a community of English nuns, to which refer-ence has lately been made in the papers, will tend to obscure some of the ancient arrangements instead of making them clear. It is proposed, we believe, to build a dining-room on the site of the chapter-house, although the shell of the old frater remains, and to build a new kitchen near it instead of on the proper site to the west of the frater. The back of the armarium commune in the south transept wall is to be pierced for a door, and a large chapel built east of the transept, where two small chapels formerly stood. As the new community professes to follow the rule of St. Benedict, it is a great pity that any new buildings should not be erected on the lines of the old Benedictine abbey.

An effort is being made by local archæologists to secure Mr. George Joslin's collection of Romano-British antiquities for the town of Colchester, and thus to avoid its being sold, as it is otherwise probable that it may be, for removal to America. Mr. Haverfield has sub-scribed, and strongly advocates the purchase. A committee has been formed, which includes the Mayor of Colchester; Lord Rayleigh; Capt. Naylor-Leyland, M.P. for Colchester; Mr. James Round, M.P. for the Harwich Division of Essex; Mr. Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester; the Hon. Secretary of the Essex Field Club; the Hon. Secretary of the Essex Archæological Society; the President of the Essex Field Club; the President of the Essex Archæological Society; and the Curator of Colchester Museum.

Mr. A. H. PALMER writes regarding our notice of No. 106, Water Colours, at the lately closed exhibition of the Royal Academy, p. 254, col. 1:-

p. 254, col. 1:—

"Your notice of the Calverts and Palmers interested me extremely, and I am glad you saw the similarity of the Indian ink designs, two in a frame, ascribed to Calvert, to my father's work. These are not Calvert's, but Palmer's—a mistake in the Catalogue, which remained 'under revision' to the end. I did not feel disturbed about it, because the two artists were so much in accord." end. I did not feel disturbed about the two artists were so much in accord.

A RECENTLY published return of the number of churches in every diocese in England which have been built or restored at a cost exceeding 500l. since 1873, when a similar return was issued, contains some interesting details, and proves the liberality of a great many members of the Church of England. The grand total is 20,531,402l. 18s.  $9\frac{3}{4}d$ ., of which 9,607,783l. 1s.  $5\frac{1}{2}d$ . has been devoted to building churches; 10,609,627l. 18s.  $1\frac{1}{2}d$ . to restoring them. Of these amounts the highest ing them.

sum of 1,188,977l. 18s.  $1\frac{1}{2}d$ . was expended for church building in the diocese of London, and the second sum of 1,157,737l. 6s. 7d. in the diocese of Manchester; in St. Asaph's diocese, 130,822l.; in Bangor, 89,464l.; in Llandaff, 226,276l.; in St. David's, 192,900l.; in Sodor and Man, 21,909l., the smallest sum of all; next to which comes Norwich, with 42,0611. On the maintenance, repair, and restoration of West-minster Abbey, 78,058l. has been spent during the same period. In respect to restoration, London heads the list with 820,329l., St. Albans coming next with 568,326l., Norwich following with 515,6921., and Canterbury with 497,5571 Cathedrals are included in the above, and the diocese of Newcastle stands at 313,991., included in the grand total, but whether for building or restoration is not specified. It is manifest that by far the largest proportion of these great sums are private benefactions; for instance, in the diocese of Canterbury alone this source supplied 643,7691., while the Ecclesiastical Commissioners awarded 12,563l. out of a total of 707,139l. Large gifts came from individuals, such as 25,000l. odd from Mr. P. Twells for Enfield; 6,700l. from Mr. Benyon for De Beauvoir Town; 10,500l. from the late Lord Ashburton for Swarraton, Northington; 10,000% from the late Mr. G. E. Street, R.A., for St. Mary, Holmbury, Dorking; 11,000% from the Chevalier Lloyd for Llangwrig, Merionethshire; 6,000l. from Lord Ilchester for Melbury Sampford; and 40,000/. from the Earl of Eldon for St. James's, Kingston-in-Purbeck. To the diocese of Southwell alone the late Duke of Devonshire gave more than 10,000l.

The Fine-Art Society has appointed to-day (Saturday) for the private view of a number of drawings by Mr. G. Wetherbee, representing "English Pastoral Life," which will be shown to the public on Monday next.

The forthcoming number of the Archaeological Journal will contain the following papers: Journal will contain the following papers: 'St. John the Baptist in Art, Legend, and Ritual,' by Mr. J. L. André; 'On a Massive Timber Platform of Early Date uncovered at Carlisle, and on Sundry Relics found in Connection Therewith,' by Mr. R. S. Ferguson; 'The Shrine and Head of St. Hugh of Lincoln,' Preparents Vernelles: 'Are the Cambridge. by Precentor Venables; 'Are the Cambridge-shire Ditches referred to by Tacitus?' by Prof. W. Ridgway; and 'English Academical Costume,' by Prof. E. C. Clark.

THE Reliquary for April will contain a continuation of Mr. Clement C. Hodges's papers on the pre-Conquest churches of Northumbria.

M. Cabar, the distinguished landscape painter and etcher, "l'aïeul du paysage moderne" according to Gautier, died last week in Paris at the age of eighty-one. He was a favourite pupil of Flers, and first exhibited at the Salon in 1833. In 1834 he obtained a Second Class Medal-in those days he was deemed a venturesome realist —and a Third Class Medal at the Universal Exhibition of 1867. In November of the same year, 1867, he succeeded Brascassat at the Académie des Beaux-Arts. In 1878 he was appointed Director of the French School at ome. He was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour in 1843, and an Officer in 1855.

MR. MERCER writes :-

"I hear from Signor I. Gati, the publisher, that, "I hear from Signor I. Gati, the publisher, that, 'complying with the requests of numerous friends and admirers of the illustrious artist and distinguished writer Luigi Mussini, his daughters have resolved to publish a select number of his most interesting letters on art subjects, the larger portion addressed to some of the most widely known Italian and French painters and men of letters. This publication will give satisfaction to all who knew Mussini personally or by reputation, and his salutary advice and opinions will be of use to the present generation of young artists, as well as to those in different to matters concerning art, owing to the lively and graceful style and manner habitual to him in his private correspondence. The "Epistolario Artistico" of Luigi Mussini will be issued in him in his private correspondence. The "Epistolario Artistico" of Luigi Mussini will be issued in May at the price of 4\(\frac{1}{2}\) fr. per copy. The volume will contain, in addition to the French and Italian

letters, a portrait of the author in phototype from his own pencil design, and a biography written by Luisa Anzoletti.'"

Signorina Luisa Mussini, the artist's second daughter, who inherits much of her father's talents, is betrothed to Signor Franchi, Mussini's successor as Director of the Accademia delle Belle Arti in Siena.

THE excavations at Birbet-el-Haggar, now being conducted by Count d'Hulst for the Egypt Exploration Fund, have already yielded a certain number of sculptured and inscribed slabs of considerable interest. The work is necessarily somewhat slow on account of the enormous size of some of the granite blocks, ranging up to forty tons in weight, which have to be removed; two thousand of these have already been dislodged from the mound. A few years ago the monument was used as a quarry for millstones; vast numbers of blocks were broken up, and many now remaining show on their sculptured surfaces the ineffectual attempts of the natives to split the granite. Probably for centuries previously the stones of the temple had been used for building purposes. The temple was dedicated to Isis, and the cartouches of Necta-nebo and Ptolemy Philadelphus fix its date. Count d'Hulst, however, thinks that an earlier temple existed on the site, as he finds traces of older work on the interior faces of some of the granite blocks. It will be desirable to carry on the work to completion and to remove the slabs when uncovered, since some that were left exposed last summer during the Count's absence were wantonly defaced by the natives.

#### MUSIC

NEW EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

Local Centre Examinations, Junior and Senior Grades. Local School Examinations, Lower and Grades. Local School Examinations, Lower and Higher Divisions.—Practical School for the Violin. Books 1 to 7. By E. W. Ritter.— Library of Pianoforte Music for Study and Amusement, Junior Grade, Book 2, and Senior Grade, Book 2. By E. Pauer. (Augener & Co.) -The four books first named in the above series consist of studies and pieces included in the Syllabus of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and the Royal College of Music for local centre and local school examina-Music for local centre and local school examinations in 1892-3, but they will obviously prove useful on all future occasions. The composers represented include Bach, Bertini, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Hiller, Moscheles, Raff, Beethoven, Chopin, Hummel, Heller, Gade, Haydn, Czerny, Kjerulf, and others of lesser note, so that the entire series forms an admirable compilation for elementary and moderately advanced students. It need secreely moderately advanced students. It need scarcely be added that in the fingering the sensible 1 to 5 numbering is adopted.—Herr Ritter's violin method is an exhaustive work, and more books are to follow those already to hand, the first of which deals with the rudiments of music and elementary exercises for pupil and master, and the seventh of scales in two octaves, exercises, and duets in the first position. The directions are given throughout in English, French, and German.-Mr. Pauer's books are divided into studies, pieces, and recreations, the last-named term being applied to pieces of a light or nonclassical nature. Among the composers drawn upon are Emanuel Bach, Mozart, Jensen, Scharwenka, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Kjerulf, and the editor.

Progressive Studies. By G. Henschel. Op. 49. Parts 1 and 2 for Low Voice. (Novello, Ewer & Co.)—The first of these excellent books consists of studies in florid singing, and the second of studies in sustained singing, the intervals ranging from the second to the tenth. Mr. Henschel directs that the exercises should be sung on all the Italian vowel sounds in succession, and gives intelligent advice as to the

method in which this should be done. The studies are furnished with pianoforte accompaniments, and, as a matter of course, are written in a musicianly style. The same publishers send Analysis of Form, by H. A. Harding, being a description of the thirty-two pianoforte sonatas of Beethoven as regards the con-struction of every movement. This treatise struction of every movement. should be of service to students.

The Church and Cathedral Choristers' Singing Method. By Hayan Keeton, Mus.Doc.Oxon. (Cocks & Co.) — The present organist and choir-master of Peterborough Cathedral has prepared a useful volume, having respect to the special requirements of church choirmasters. Dr. Keeton favours the fixed "Do," but the exercises are equally suitable for use by the large majority of teachers who now prefer the movable "Do." The time exercises on one note are excellent.

We have also on our table Catechism of Pianoforte Playing and Catechism of Musical History, Second Part, dealing with the history of musical forms, and including biographical notices of the most celebrated composers, somewhat roughly translated from the German of Dr. H. Riemann (Augener & Co.); Vox Humana, a treatise on voice production, dealing with the subject from the several points of acoustics, anatomy, physiology, and art, by Dr. J. W. Bernhardt (Simpkin & Co.), in which the author proves to his own satisfaction that all previous works on the same subject are not methods in the true sense of the term; Parts 1 to 4 of De Fidiculis Bibliographia, being the basis of a bibliography of the violin, and all other instruments played with a bow in ancient and modern times, by Edward Heron-Allan (Griffith, Farran & Co.); Music as it is Taught (Novello, Ewer & Co.), an instructive duologue between two ladies with musical daughters; The Elements of Music, by George L. Allan (same publishers); The Violin and All about It, by Edgar Shelton (Weekes & Co.); and Books 1 and 2 of Loeschhorn's Rhythmical Problems for the Pianoforte, Books 12 and 13 of the same author's Melodic Studies for the Pianoforte, and New Rhythmical Scale and Chord Studies for the Violoncello, by L. Hegyesi (Augener & Co.).

### CONCERTS.

THE performances of the past few days have been fairly numerous, but in no instance of commanding interest. Herr Joachim made his annual appearance at the Crystal Palace last annual appearance at the Crystal Palace last Saturday, his principal solo being Mozart's rarely played Violin Concerto in A (Köchel's Catalogue, No. 219). This, like the other violin concertos, belongs to the Salzburg period, and dates from 1775. Thirty-five years ago the score was discovered by Herr Joachim, who made a copy of it. Of course it is now included made a copy of it. Of course it is now included in the complete edition of the master's works. Full of Mozartean charm, it is noteworthy for two little innovations on accustomed form-a short adagio after the opening tutti in the first movement, and in the middle of the finale, tempo di minuetto, an allegro two - four measure. Herr Joachim likewise introduced a Capriccio in a minor by Gade, recently published, though the score states that it was composed in 1878. The orchestration is from the pen of Herr Reinecke. Schumann's Symphony in E flat, No. 3, Mr. MacCunn's overture Land of the Mountain and the Flood, and the Prelude and the Processional March from Moskowski's opera 'Boabdil,' were included in the programme. The vocalist was Miss Mary Harris, a young soprano. She has a pleasant voice, but her style is not yet matured.

On the same afternoon, at the Popular Concert, a new pianist, M. Charles Foerster, appeared for the first time, and essayed Schumann's 'Carnaval' with but moderate success. He has a light, delicate touch, but little power, and his reading was marred by excessive indulgence in

the tempo rubato, the composer's directions in some of the numbers being entirely reversed. In the absence of Herr Joachim, Mile. Wietrowetz was a highly efficient leader, and as a solo she gave Spohr's Dramatic Concerto, with David's pianoforte accompaniment. The concerted works in the programme were Beethoven's Quartet in B flat, No. 6, and Mendelssohn's Trio in c minor, Op. 66. Mr. Mendelssohn's Trio in c minor, Op. 66. Mr. Santley sang Signor Piatti's refined song, 'The Lover's Appeal, and the song 'L'Addio,' which is persistently ascribed to Mozart, though it was long since discovered to be the composition of Gottfried von Jacquin.

On Monday an excellent programme was offered, commencing with Brahms's String Quintet in G, Op. 111, first produced in London in March, 1891, and since neglected until the present occasion. The programme book states that the work was first performed at Vienna towards the close of 1891, but in this there is an error of a year. The work is a model of conciseness and concentration of thought, not a bar being superfluous from beginning to end, and if the subjects are not in the main particularly striking, their treatment throughout shows the hand of a master. Mile. Eibenschütz may be complimented on the measure of success she attained in Beethoven's Sonata in F minor ('Appassionata'), for if it was not in any sense a great performance, it showed not only carefulness, but intelligence—that is to say, as much insight into Beethoven's ideas as could be expected from a young lady performer. Herr Joachim played Bach's Chaconne in his customary manner, and the concert ended with Mendelssohn's Trio in p minor, Op. 49. M. Eugene Oudin's vocal selections were exclu-Eugene Oudin's vocal selections were exclusively French, and included Monsigny's 'Adieu, chère Louise,' Guedron's 'Aux Plaisirs, aux Délices,' and two of Gounod's songs. They were all admirably sung.

The Musical Artists' Society gave its sixty-third performance at St. Martin's Hall on Mondre of the control of the contr

third performance at St. Martin's Hall on Monday evening, the programme including Spohr's Quartet in a minor, Op. 4, No. 2; Sterndale Bennett's Sonata in a for pianoforte and violoncello, Op. 32 (both works very rarely heard); a Quartet in a minor, by Miss Edith Swepstone; and the late C. E. Stephens's Pianoforte Quartet in B minor, Op. 2. The instrumental executants were Madame Emily Laurence and Messrs. Buziau, H. Lee, A. Wright, and Albert; and songs were contributed by Miss Minnie Taylor, Miss Elsie Mackenzie, and Mr. Trevelyn David. Also on Monday evening there was a concert

Also on Monday evening there was a concert of the R.A.M. Excelsior Society at the Royal Academy of Music, the programme including Dvorak's Pianoforte Quintet in A, Op. 81; Popper's 'Requiem' for three violoncellos; a Popper's 'Requiem' for three violoncellos; a Suite for string orchestra, by Heinrich Hofmann, Op. 72; and smaller items. The performers included Mrs. Ralph, Miss Walenn, Mr. Gerald Walenn, Mr. A. Walenn, Mr. H. Walenn, Mr. J. F. Carrodus, Mr. C. H. Allen Gill, Mr. Septimus Webbe, Miss Elsie Mackenzie, Miss Marian McKenzie, Miss Minnie Robinson, Mr. W. Nicholl, and Mr. Bantock Pierpoint. Pierpoint.

It is a pity there were so many fixtures on Monday evening, but we have yet to chronicle the performance of the Highbury Philharmonic Society, which included Sir William Cusins's cantata 'Gideon' and a setting for tenor and bass soloists, chorus, and orchestra of Browning's poem 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin,' by Mr. Richard H. Walthew, a student at the Royal College of Music. This is a clever work, about which we hope to have something to say on another occasion.

The first of Mr. G. A. Clinton's London Chamber Concerts was given at the Princes' Hall on Tuesday evening, the programme including Mozart's Quintet in E flat for pianoforte and wind instruments; a Septet in the same key for the curious combination of pianoforte, strings, and trumpet, by Saint-Saëns, Op. 65,

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cleverly written, but somewhat dry; Lalo's charming 'Aubade,' which pleased so much at the Steinway Hall last year; and Beethoven's Septet. The performances, in which the director was assisted by Messrs. Sauret, Krause, Howell, was assisted by Messrs. Sauret, Krause, Howell, Winterbottom, Fransella, Malsch, Borsdorf, T. Clinton, Wotton, and Septimus Webbe, were, on the whole, very praiseworthy. Miss Mary Harris contributed some songs.

The performance of 'The Golden Legend' under the auspices of the Guildhall School of Music at St. James's Hall on Wednesday

evening was exceedingly creditable to all con-The newly-formed choir had been admirably trained by Sir Joseph Barnby, and sang with beautiful refinement, especially in the unaccompanied sections, in which perfect intonation was maintained. The orchestra, consisting mainly of students, was not quite so praiseworthy, being at times too loud. With regard to the principal vocalists, the largest regard to the principal vocalists, the largest amount of promise was displayed by Miss Florence Oliver (Ursula) and Mr. Edward Epstein (Lucifer); but Miss Annie Swinfen (Elsie) and Mr. Charles Saunders (Prince Henry) should do well with further training.

#### BACH'S TRUMPET PARTS.

While entirely agreeing with C. A. B. that the long trumpets now used in the performance of Bach's works do not reproduce the effect intended by the composer, I am altogether unable to accept his suggestion as to transposing the parts an octave lower. The reason why the newly constructed long trumpets do not and cannot possibly give the proper effect will be clear to any one who has studied the nature of orchestral instruments. It is well known that the quality of the acute register of any instrument differs from that of its medium register. The long trumpets are, I believe, crooked in G, the length of the tube being between five and six feet; and Bach's high notes on these instruments are contained between the sixth and twelfth overtones, or mostly in the medium of the instrument. But on the old trumpets the same notes are in the octave between the eighth and sixteenth overtonesnearly all in the acute register, which begins at about the tenth upper-partial. This is one reason of the difference of tone, another being that the bore of the new instruments is, I believe (I have not the exact measurements before me), much wider in proportion to the length of the tube than in the old trumpet. This makes the tone of the instrument approximate rather to that of the cornet-à-piston. But I cannot for a moment admit that Bach intended the parts to be played an octave lower. In many places the effect would be altogether lost; but, apart from this question, there is the fact that the parts could not possibly be played an octave lower, because many of the notes would not be on the instru-ment at all. If it be argued that Bach sometimes used a trumpet with a complete chromatic scale (the tromba da tirarsi), the simple answer is that when he uses this instrument he never treats it as a transposing instrument, and therefore the trumpet parts in such works as the Orchestral Suite played at the last con-cert of the Bach Society could not have been intended for that instrument.

It is known that there were in Bach's time two classes of trumpet players—the "Clarin-bläser," who played the florid passages lying in the highest octave of the instrument, and the "Principal-bläser," who played almost exclusively in the lower and middle register. Handel uses the name "Principal" for the third (lowest) trumpet in the 'Occasional Oratorio' and the 'Dettingen Te Deum.' Owing to the different way in which the trumpet is treated by modern composers, it would no longer pay any player to practise as a "Clarin-bläser" the highest notes of his instrument, as he would thereby render his embouchure less certain in his ordinary work, for the sake of playing Bach perhaps two

or three times a year. There is, therefore, little hope of our hearing Bach's trumpet parts as he intended them. The best reproduction of the proper effect that I can recall was at a performance of the 'Christmas Oratorio' in the Albert Hall many years ago, when the high trumpet solos were played on Mr. Willis's splendidly toned reed-stops on the great organ in the hall. Such an expedient, however, would only be acceptable when the reeds of the organ were exceptionally good.

ERENEZER PROUT.

#### Musical Cossip.

An orchestral society is to be formed in connexion with the Irving Amateur Dramatic Club, not only to assist at the performances of the club, but to give concerts on its own account. Mr. Arnold Dolmetsch will be the conductor, and it is anticipated that his extensive knowledge of mediæval music will be of infinite service in the selection of appropriate incidental music in the performance of Shakspearean

A LECTURE on Richard Wagner will be de-livered at South Place Institute by Dr. H. G. Plimmer to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon. Illustrations will be given by the lecturer and Mr. David Bispham. The vocal items in the usual evening concert will also be selected from Wagner's music dramas.

ALTHOUGH M. Gounod declared some years ago that he would write no more for the stage, he has contributed some of the incidental music to 'Les Drames sacrés' of MM. Armand Silvestre and Eugène Moraud, which saw the light at the Paris Vaudeville last week. The sub-ject of the play, or rather series of tableaux of scenes from the New Testament, precludes its performance here; but the music, which is highly spoken of, might be given in the concertroom. It consists of an important prelude, an "Ave Maria," a series of choruses in the sacred garden, and a symphonic movement describing the Resurrection.

M. VAN DYCK was announced to arrive in Paris to-day for the rehearsals of 'Die Walküre,' which will be produced at the Opéra soon after Easter.

THERE is to be a festival of Swiss choral societies at Bâle next summer, the number of singers, including those of societies from other countries, being expected to reach nearly seven thousand.

HERR HANS VON BÜLOW has so far recovered from the brain affection from which he had been suffering that he was able to conduct the final concert of the Berlin Philharmonic Society on Monday last week.

A GERMAN composer named August Bungert is said to be at work on an operatic tetralogy on the subject of Homer's 'Odyssey.'

A NEW opera, entitled 'Der Rubin,' by Mr. Eugene D'Albert, will be produced at the Carlsruhe Hoftheater next month.

It is said that the Russian Government is about to found professorships of "folk-music" in some of the Russian universities. The Russians are notably in possession of a very rich fund of folk-songs which are as primitive and original in their text as they certainly are in their melody. As this treasure of the people's their melody. As this treasure of the people's songs and melodies, like their folk-lore, is in constant process of diminution, since it is mostly continued orally, and much of it preserved only by the aged, there is naturally a patriotic anxiety to rescue as much of it as possible from total extinction while there is time. Several persons are now employed upon the collection and study of this valuable treasure.

#### DRAMA

### Arumatic Cossiy.

THE production at the St. James's Theatre of Mr. Pinero's new play 'The Second Mrs. Tanqueray' has been postponed until the autumn. This change of plan is attributed to the remarkable success of 'Liberty Hall,' which will not admit of any change of bill even in the case of afternoon performances. This triumph of one of the simplest and most unpretending of pieces reads like a protest or reaction against the class of studies, "unclean, unchaste," which seemed to enjoy something approaching to a monopoly of public taste, or, at any rate, of managerial approval.

The runs of successful pieces become longer than ever. Mr. Toole some weeks ago cele-brated the anniversary of the production of 'Walker, London,' and 'Niobe' passed its four hundredth representation. The Globe puts modestly forward the announcement of its one hundredth night. At several other houses the performances can be counted by hundreds.

IBSEN'S 'Enemy of the People' is to be produced by Mr. Tree at the Haymarket Theatre shortly after Easter. 'A Woman of No Importance' has been read by Mr. Oscar Wilde at the same house.

'THE BABBLE SHOP; OR, LORD WYNDHAMERE'S Fun,' is the curiously composite title of the new burlesque of Mr. Edward Rose in rehearsal at the Trafalgar Square Theatre. The first half of the title designates the House of Commons at least as happily as the 'Bauble Shop' of Mr. Jones. The gentleman last named is now in the south of France, engaged upon a play for the south of France, engaged upon a play for the Haymarket Theatre. In addition to the 'Prodigal Daughter,' which has been given in Paris as 'La Fille prodigue,' 'Niobe,' in an adaptation by Dr. Blumenthal, is to be played in Vienna and other German cities, and a rendering of 'The Bauble Shop' is to be produced in Holland by the Royal Dutch Company.

'Proof,' Mr. Burnand's adaptation for the Adelphi of 'Une Cause célèbre,' has been revived at Sadler's Wells.

'DINNER FOR Two' is the title of a graceful duologue by Mr. R. C. Carton, which has found its way from the country to the Trafalgar Square Theatre, whereat it was given on Wednesday afternoon, with Mr. Cyril Maude and Mr. Yorke Stephens as its exponents.

At the last moment the "triple bill" promised by Mrs. Willard for the past Tuesday was postponed on account of inadequate rehearsals.

'FAUST UP TO DATE,' by Messrs. Sims and Pettitt, has been given during the week at the Grand Theatre, Islington.

Mr. W. T. VINCENT, part author with Mr. Fred Leslie of 'Cinder-Ellen,' has undertaken to edit and publish a collection of personal remembrances of the late actor. Contributions have been received from Miss Nellie Farren, Miss St. John, Miss Kate Santley, and Miss Sylvia Grey; also from Mr. Lionel Brough, Mr. J. L. Toole, Mr. Arthur Roberts, Mr. W.S. Penley, and many others.

ROBERT BROWNING'S drama 'A Blot in the 'Scutcheon' will be played next Monday evening at the Gentleman's Concert Hall, Peter

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Street, Manchester. The characters will be represented by Messrs. Louis Calvert and C. T. H. Helmsley's company, whose services are given by their managers. A prologue—specially written for the occasion by Prof. Raleigh, University College, Liverpool—will be recited by Mr. Charles Calvert. The scenery has been designed by Mr. Alfred Darbyshire, and the whole arrangements for the performance have whole arrangements for the performance have whole arrangements for the performance have been carried out at the personal charge of Mr. Charles Hughes, the Chairman of Convocation of the Victoria University, Manchester. Mr. Hughes invites the whole of the audience, including amongst them the graduates of the university and the professors and lecturers of the three colleges. The part of Thorold Tresham will be played by Mr. Louis Calvert, and that of Mildred Tresham by Miss May Harvey.

An article in La Revue Hebdomadaire upon Becket deals with the representation of Tennyson's play at the Lyceum. The author is M. Maurice Bouchor, the distinguished poet, who is a master of the English language and a profound student of Shakspeare. Of the play M. Bouchor speaks in terms of strong admiration. He finds in it a continuation of Shakspeare's heroic and savage chronicle of English kings: "Le tendre poète moderne, le lyrique arraché tout d'un coup à ses délicates songeries, est assez de sa race pour avoir repris sans trop de peine la tradition de Shakespeare." The con-clusion he finds of a poignant emotion and a beauty almost religious, but the conduct of the play has "quelque chose de lâche et d'imprécis," and does not always escape a sort of poetic galimatias. Englishmen, adds M. Bouchor, "ont une rhétorique du lyrisme, comme nousmêmes une rhétorique du lyrisme, comme nous-mêmes une rhétorique de l'éloquence." Mr. Irving's performance he thinks admirable. Force of temperament as an actor, he asserts, is denied Mr. Irving, a capital defect in one seeking to play Othello. It is impossible, however, without flagrant injustice, to deny Mr. Irving a rare intelligence, a profound art in composing a rôle, and an extreme nobility of speech and attitude. Miss Terry is an exquisite Rosamond, bringing before the eye the very poetry of Tennyson in all its "grace vaporeuse." Mr. Terriss and Miss Ward are also praised.

Mr. George Moore's play 'The Strike at Arlingford,' which is being translated into French, is being published in volume form in America by Mr. Walter Scott.

Mr. Frank Stockton has turned his story 'The Squirrel Inn' into a play, which has been played with success in several American cities. Mr. Stockton is to receive 75 per cent. of the net profits.

Mr. Brander Matthews has adapted Udall's 'Ralph Roister Doister' for the Theatre of Arts and Letters of New York, an institution similar to our Independent Theatre. For the same society Mr. George Parsons Lathrop has adapted a verse translation of the 'Prometheus Bound.'

MAETERLINCK'S play 'L'Intrus' has been produced in New York with very little suc-

Mr. John Underhill, who has edited Gay's poems for the "Muses' Library," is now engaged upon an edition of Gay's plays and

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